WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh northerly and easterly winds; continued fine; stationary or higher temperature.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds; little change in temperature.

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SENDS GREETING AT NEW YEAR'S

Premier Mackenzie King Forwards Message to People of Canada of Peace and Goodwill

HOW FAIR A LOT TO FILL IS LEFT TO EACH MAN STILL

To Younger Generation, He Says, Comes a Clarion Call to Take Worthy Part in Country's Affairs

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Premier King has issued the following New Year's message to the people of Canada:

"In no part of the world will the New Year dawn upon a people more favored than those of our own Dominion. In the Orient, in the Near and Middle East, in Europe, the early light will again reveal to multitudes much of uncertainty and insecurity. In a world thus perturbed and still convulsed with old passions, Great Britain and the self-governing Dominions stand forth as the one community of free nations between which there is mutual trust and an abiding security. With the United States, our great neighbor to the south, enjoying like security within herself, the British Empire is happily allied in bonds of a friendship scarcely less enduring.

Goodwill Supersedes Prejudices

"Within our own borders the common interest and the common goodwill still supersede the occasional appeal to sectional or class prejudice. Such is our inheritance from the years of the past, such as the trust which the old year bequeaths to the new.

"Recent years have witnessed the passing of many who contributed to the inheritance which today is ours. Of the present generation of men and women who have played their part in helping to make our country what it is, not a few are now beginning to rest from their labors.

A Clarion Call

"To the men and women of the younger generation, those who have health and strength and power of service on their side, the New Year, therefore, comes with a clarion call to take some worthy part in their country's affairs; to work while it is yet today for the preservation of all that is highest and best in our national life and our national influence.

"Let it be ever remembered that no life is too obscure and no home too humble to make its contribution to the national good. Nowhere more than across the vast expanse of our broad Dominion will bells and the dawn of the New Year proclaim with greater truth:

"'How fair a lot to fill,
"'Is left to each man still.'"

"New Year's Eve, 1923."

CHARRED WRECKAGE SUGGESTS EXPLOSION

Experts Conclude From Examination of Bits Washed Ashore as to Dixmude's End

PALERMO, Italy, Dec. 31.—Bits of charred wreckage swept in by the sea at Sciacca and along the coast near Palermo, have been examined by experts, and the conclusion has been reached that the French dirigible Dixmude was destroyed by fire, probably after an explosion.

A solemn requiem mass was sung in the cathedral here today for the victims, and the people of Palermo have placed flowers on the body of Lieutenant Grenadan, commander of the dirigible. The body lies in the station here.

Diving Operations Proposed

PARIS, Dec. 31.—As soon as the gale off the coast of Sicily abates, the French authorities will institute diving operations around the spot where the body of Lieutenant Grenadan was found last week, in an effort to determine beyond a doubt whether the airship he commanded, the lost dirigible Dixmude, with her fifty officers and men, went down in that vicinity, or if her commander's body alone fell from the airship there.

Except for this search, the Dixmude disaster has entered the realm of determination of responsibility and loss of the airship beginning with the appointment of a naval commission of investigation.

Owing to the death of Lieutenant Grenadan, the question is one of clearing his memory from blame or ruling that he was responsible for the tragedy.

Writs Issued Against Dunlop Rubber Officers

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Writs have been issued by the shareholders of the Dunlop Rubber Company against the president of the company, Sir Arthur du Cros, and against some past and present directors, following an investigation, ordered in 1922, into the affairs of the organization, it was announced today in a memorandum. Some of the directors named in the writs have made proposals for a settlement.

HEALTH, Happiness and Prosperity, is the New Year Wish of The Colonist for All of Its Readers.

TOWN'S GAIETY DAMPED BY COLD

Weather Makes New Year's Eve One of Quietest in Years—Brave Attempt Made by Small Number to Maintain Oldtime Standards of Jovial Merriment on City Streets as 1924 Puts in Appearance to Greeting by Scattered Motorists and Pedestrians

SOMETHING went wrong at the Eternal Booking Office. Father Time advertised a first-night appearance of "Nineteen Twenty-Four," and the Weather Man butted in with a production of "Shivering Folk." The upshot was the quietest New Year's Eve in years.

At 11 o'clock last night a reporter braved the freezing temperature, accentuated by a north wind, and went out to view the scenes of gaiety. In his mind was that well-known memory of happy, laughing crowds, waving fluffy things in each other's faces, throwing streamers and making unchanging sounds on childish instruments. He walked down Yates Street and saw a number of people that might accurately be described as "several." Government Street was a desolate reach of wind-swept pavement with a few human beings dotted about.

Near Fort Street the reporter met Chief of Police John Fry, and waving an inclusive arm and ducking a stinging ear behind his upturned collar, he asked grimly.

"How come this?"

Chief Fry Remembers

"Too cold," replied the Chief. "I remember the New Year's Eves when we've had to have every available man on the force out on the streets to look after the crowds."

The reporter went on down to the Causeway, and on his way back to the office he passed several youths emitting yells at intervals. It was heroic. It reminded the reporter of a man alone in the middle of an infinite icefield in an Arctic night giving three cheers and a tiger because somehow he had discovered that this was the night of the old boys' annual reunion. At ten minutes to 12 the reporter went out again, encouraged by the sound of firecrackers somewhere. In doorways on Yates Street between Government and Douglas, people were sheltered, waiting for something to happen. Several motorcars towing jangling hardware over the pavement went back and forth, and now and then someone whooped, and a few firecrackers went off.

On Yates Street was Chief of Police John Fry. "Look here, chief," said the reporter, "do you ever remember any New Year's Eve quite as dull as this?"

Ring in the New

"Only one," confessed the Chief. "That was a night that it rained in torrents."

The policemen, who ordinarily would go off duty at 11 but who had been kept on because of the special night, were allowed to go home at 11:30.

Came the hour of midnight. The bell in St. Andrew's Cathedral rang out measuredly. Then a large assemblage of fire crackers went off; whistles started up in the distance, and suddenly motor cars came from nowhere and went past in more or less of a procession with horns going. The people seemed all at once to become almost a crowd and Nineteen Twenty-Four found a miniature but courageous bedlam under way when it arrived.

Many citizens found a much more comfortable way of welcoming the new year in by making merry at the several large dances held last night. The principal social functions were the dances at the Empress Hotel, the Yacht Club, the Armories and the Elks' Hall.

GENERAL PLAN IS AGREED UPON

COUNCIL PASSES AMUSEMENT CENTRE RESOLUTION

Details to Be Decided Later—By-Law Finished With—Telegram From Vice-President

Yesterday the City Council not only gave the Amusement Centre by-law its final passing, but also passed a resolution approving the general plan of the structure as already prepared. Details are still to be agreed upon.

When the resolution came up for discussion Mr. Basil Gordon, who has represented the C.P.R. in the Amusement Centre negotiations, said that if the council would give approval to the general plans, the architects and the Amusement Centre committee might get together while he was in the East and arrive at an agreement in regard to the details. While during the course of the Amusement Centre negotiations there had been many differences, said Mr. Gordon, it had been agreed from the first that what was good for Victoria was good for the C.P.R. He thanked the council for its many courtesies.

The resolution was then passed. The Amusement Centre agreement is being prepared and it is hoped to have it signed before Mr. Gordon leaves for the East on Wednesday. The general plans of the centre were taken out to Mayor Hayward's home after yesterday's meeting for His Worship to sign, he being slightly indisposed.

In answer to a telegram from Mayor Hayward in regard to the passage of the Amusement Centre by-law Mr. D. C. Coleman, C.P.R. vice-president of Western lines, has sent the following message to His Worship:

"I should like to express to you and the citizens of Victoria our sincere appreciation of the almost unanimous support accorded by the ratepayers to the by-law submitted yesterday. It was a demonstration of confidence and good will which is very gratifying. We join you in the hope that the Amusement Centre will be a creditable addition to the attractions of Victoria and will thus contribute to its continued growth and prosperity.'

QUEBEC GOVERNOR ILL

QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant-Governor L. P. Brodeur was taken suddenly ill yesterday, it is announced, but was reported improved at noon today. His physicians prescribed a rest to bring complete recovery.

Usual "At Homes" Are to Mark New Year's Day Here

HIS Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will receive at Government House this afternoon from 3 to 5.

The Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield will receive at Bishop's Close from 3 to 5:30.

The senior naval officer and other officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, Esquimalt, will receive from 2 to 6 in the Naval Officers' Mess, Esquimalt.

Brigadier-General Ross, G. O. C., and officers of the Garrison will be at home at the Officers' Mess, Work Point, from 2 to 6.

Mayor Hayward will receive from 3:15 to 5:30 at his home, 2140 Oak Bay Avenue.

GENEROUS TREATMENT BY JUPITER PLUVIUS

His Jovian Majesty Ultimately Succeeds In Breaking Records at Terminal City

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—That the month of December broke all records for precipitation since the local weather bureau opened its station here in 1905, was revealed with the passing of the old year and the entry of 1924. The recording for the past thirty-one days shows a total of 15.88 inches, which exceeds the former record mark of 15.66 inches, set in the month of November, 1909. While the past month exceeded all other precipitation marks, the annual downfall was below the average. The precipitation for the year was 52.49, while the average is set at 57.03.

Ski Runners Rescued

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—Four of the seven ski runners reported yesterday to have perished in an avalanche while ascending the Feldal-Penhorn were rescued, according to later advices, but their condition is critical.

Sarnia-Melbourne Radio

SARNIA, Dec. 31.—T. W. Sproule, city manager of the Amateur Radio League, has received a letter from Melbourne, Australia, stating that his radio signals had been heard there distinctly.

Sunday Fire

NELSON, Dec. 31.—While W. H. Alexander and family, of this city, were attending Sunday School, their new ranch house and contents were burned at a loss of $4,000 on Sunday.

CATAFALQUE IS UNIQUE AFFAIR

Support of Linen Pall Over Pharaoh's Sarcophagus Is Said to Be Unusual in Egyptology

MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION WONDER OF BEHOLDERS

Great Difficulty Experienced in Applying Preservatives to Woodwork in Oppressive Atmosphere of Sepulchre

LUXOR, Dec. 31.—The rack of catafalque supporting a linen pall which stands between the first and second of Tutankhamen's shrines and now is in process of being dismantled, is unique in the history of Egyptology. It can be compared only to the framework of a house, with the struts to carry the roof running lengthwise from one end to the other, and bent at each end to fit into cooper hoops inserted in the woodwork on the front and back supports.

The catafalque rests on carved feet at either end, its sections joined with copper hoops still tied up with string as left by the undertakers to royalty thirty centuries ago. It is painted reddish gold and black alternate stripes. Unfortunately the paint, particularly the black bitumen, is coming off wholesale.

Mr. Carter Worried

Howard Carter, directing the excavation, told the correspondent today while seated on the scaffolding erected over the second shrine, swathing the catafalque in surgical bandages, that he was worried over the prospect of getting it down without considerable damage.

The oppressive atmosphere in which the excavators have to work renders the employment of parafin wax, the familiar preservative for ancient woodwork of all sorts, altogether impracticable, as the process of applying the wax, which must be done at a high temperature, would render the air of the tomb unbreathable.

Under the paint, however, the woodwork of the catafalque, as that of every part of the shrine, is extraordinarily solid. There was visible evidence of this today when Mr. Carter and one of the staff, wearing light gymnasium shoes, were standing on a scaffolding which rested on part of the canopy itself.

Immense Solidity

Indeed, the immense solidity and the tremendous weight of the sections of the outer shrine's roof astonished the excavators. These three sections, now removed, stood against the wall of the ante-chamber of the tomb today, presenting a truly formidable appearance, both regarding their dimensions and obvious weight.

In a tray nearby were fragments of the great linen pall, part of which still lies in the space between the first and second shrines, having broken off through the weight of the many hundreds of rosettes with which it had been sewn. The linen is of a brown-black color, and of almost gossamer fineness. The rosettes are ribbed, resembling the Japanese emblem of the rising sun. Before the royal pall fell victim to the gnawing tooth of time, it must have been a most magnificent affair.

The removal of the roof of the outer shrine now admits of a good view by Tutankhamen's successors of the figure of the king—a slender figure with curious, almond-shaped eyes painted on the back wall of the sepulchural chamber.

A large number of visitors provided with special permits from the Ministry of Public Works visited the tomb today.

DISCLAIMS CONFRERE'S IDEA OF RESOLUTIONS

Premier Bruce Contests Suggestions Put Forward by Gen. Smuts and Mr. Massey

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Premier S. M. Bruce, of Australia, speaking today at a farewell luncheon tendered him, contested the suggestion credited to both Premiers Smuts of South Africa and Massey of New Zealand, that the Imperial Government was bound by the resolutions "which never were resolutions of the Imperial Conferences."

To suggest that the nations participating in the conference were bound by the action of their representatives before that action was confirmed by the respective governments and parliaments was undemocratic and against the principles underlying the whole present relations inside the Empire, Premier Bruce said.

The Dominions claimed that the conference's decisions were not binding on the respective countries until they received the sanction of their parliaments.

The Dominions, said Mr. Bruce, were not entitled to try to force the hands of Great Britain or to suggest a breach of faith, but it would be tragic if effect were not given to the conference resolutions

NEW YEAR SEES CITY ON RISING FLOOD OF RENEWED OPTIMISM

PRINCE ERIK OF DENMARK

Cousin of King George, who is to marry Miss Lois Frances Hooth, of Ottawa, a granddaughter of the Canadian lumber king, J. R. Booth. He is a successful rancher, having a place near that of the Prince of Wales in Alberta, and Miss Hooth is a girl fond of sports and outdoor life. They met seven years ago, and are reported to have fallen in love with each other immediately. She will assume his rank, and will be the first Canadian girl to become a princess and bear the title of Royal Highness.

Business and Industrial Projects Scheduled for Victoria During Next Twelve Months Offer Greater Promise of Civic Prosperity Here Than at Any Time Since Great War Disturbed World

AMUSEMENT CENTRE INSURES PROGRESS

Projected Grain Elevators, Lumber Assembly Plants, Completion of Great Drydock and Ventures Backed by Canada's Railway Executives Spell Resumption of Old-Time Activity

THE Old Year has died in the night, and Victoria faces the New in the spirit of clear-eyed confidence. Last year saw the turning of the ebb tide which set in all over the world when nations began to liquidate the economic losses of the Great War. This year, as all the forecasts show, Victoria is to see a widening of the silver lining which has shone through all the dark business clouds of the post-war years; and before the bells toll the requiem of 1924, it is asserted by those who keep their fingers upon the pulse of material affairs, prosperity is to come home again to this city.

The bill of particulars in support of this general forecast is an imposing one, and is sufficiently firm-based on assured projects to justify even the more sanguine expectations of the optimists. That the long lane of industrial depression has been turned, the peak of hard times surmounted, is the unanimous opinion of bankers and business men, railway officials and manufacturers, retailers and the ubiquitous man in the street.

Projected Grain Elevators

Items of that bill include for this city an assured increase in the tourist trade: an extension of such trade through the agreement between the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to establish a unique Amusement Centre; the promise of considerable similar extensions by reason of the new golf links at Elk Lake; the tentative likelihood that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will extend its Vancouver Island system to Great Central Lake; and the possibility that the Canadian National Railways will establish a hotel in this city.

On the industrial side of the picture there is a promise of things to be which should convert the pessimist. Thus, the establishment of grain elevators in Victoria is a probability assured by the known interest of Sir Henry Thornton in the project. The organization of a lumber assembly plant at Ogden Point is forecast not alone as the complement to grain elevators, but as the legitimate development of the known timber resources tributary to this city.

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Greetings Heard From Provincial And Civic Heads

A NEW Year's message to the people of British Columbia was issued yesterday by Premier Oliver on behalf of the government. It follows:

"The Premier and members of the Executive Council wish the people of British Columbia a happy and prosperous New Year, and to that end—

"We are with you to a man.

"We will help you all we can."

From the City Hall yesterday came this New Year's message:

"The Mayor and Council express the hope that the citizens of Victoria will know happiness and prosperity during the New Year. They appreciate the co-operative spirit displayed during 1923, and hope that it will be extended to the relations of the public with the 1924 Council."

High Commissioner Sends Season's Wishes To His Countrymen

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner in London, asks the Canadian Press to transmit the following New Year's greeting: "The High Commissioner sends his wishes to his countrymen for the coming year. Canada has reason to look forward to the coming year with assurance and hope that it will bring a solution to the many serious problems facing Europe, which are so closely connected with the happiness of the world."

HON. W. S. FIELDING IMPROVING

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding continues to make fair progress, according to his doctor.

New Year in Paris

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Parisians rang out the old and rang in the New Year with a zest undampened by the rising Seine. Theatres and moving picture houses turned away many persons, the cafes and restaurants were crowded to their capacity; the boulevards were thronged with strollers; there were attended watch-night services in the various churches.

TOUCH OF ARCTIC CONTINUES TODAY

MODERATE WINDS EXPECTED FROM NORTH AND EAST

Weather, However, Will Still Be Fine —Below Zero Temperatures Common to Eastward

Victoria will continue today, it is expected, to be full of unwelcome visitors from the extreme north. The city, although usually hospitable to all strangers, turned an unquestionably cold shoulder toward the northerly and easterly winds that blew about the streets yesterday, but without, however, prevailing upon them to depart. It was announced on their behalf last night by Mr. F. Napier Denison, their interpreter and publicity man, that their indifferent reception would not hasten their departure, and that they would be about the city again all day today.

Today's weather, in all probability, will be a repetition of yesterday's moderate winds from the north and east and continued fine skies. The temperature will probably stay about the same level, or climb to milder heights.

Yesterday the barometer was still high over northern British Columbia, and clear, cold weather prevailed from the Coast to Manitoba. At Victoria the lowest temperature of the day was 18 degrees and the highest 26. In contrast with this figure, at Estevan, on the West Coast, the lowest was 20 and the maximum 38. At Vancouver, however, it was colder than here, the thermometer running down as far as 12. At Kamloops it reached 14 below; at Calgary, 30 below; Winnipeg, 16 below; Grand Forks, 21 below, at Cranbrook, 32 below, and at Edmonton, 20 below.

Old-timers predict that the north winds will continue for three days. They have never been known to depart before the end of the triple-day period, once they began to blow upon the city, they declare.

Low Temperatures In Prairie Provinces

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—Very low temperatures were registered everywhere in the Prairie Provinces over the week-end and are continuing as the old year dies. It was the first general cold spell of the Winter. Temperatures late last night varied from 16 below at Winnipeg to 30 below at Calgary and Medicine Hat.

UNITING BODIES SHOW STRENGTH

Comparative Statement Issued by Convener of Presbyterian Union Committee Shows Relative Position of Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Bodies—Total Number of Members on Rolls in Organizations Affected Set Down as 789,966

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—In a comparative statement entitled "The strength of the three churches" issued by Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, convener of the Presbyterian Union Committee, the relative strength of the three churches which are to form the proposed United Church of Canada, is given as follows:

Church population as per Dominion census — Congregational, 30,574; Methodist, 1,153,744; Presbyterian, 1,408,812.

Number of members on the church rolls—Congregational, 12,763; Methodist, 407,264; Presbyterian, 369,939, being a total of 789,966.

In property value, said Mr. Pidgeon, the Methodist Church owns more than $17,000,000 worth of real property more than the Presbyterian Church, while the Presbyterian debt on all real property is $318,722 in excess of the Methodist debt. In college endowments, the Methodists have more than a million dollars in excess of the Presbyterians. In the total givings last year to all purposes, the Methodists are over $20,000 ahead of the Presbyterians. The only financial items in which the Presbyterians exceed the Methodists are in the ministers' stipends raised by congregations and in the missionaries, reserve and trust funds.

NO SHORTAGE OF FUEL IN CANADA

TEN MONTHS' TOTAL IS WELL ABOVE YEARLY AVERAGE

Mining Bureau at Ottawa Issues Report of Output and Imports for Present Season

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—A fuel shortage in Canada this Winter is not expected. Returns issued by the Mining Branch of the Bureau of Statistics show that both imports of coal and output from mines for the ten months ending October 31 were well above the three-year average. "When considered in conjunction with the mild weather of November and December," says the Mining Branch, "these facts seem to preclude the possibility of a fuel shortage in Canada this year."

The accumulative output of coal from Canadian mines for the 10 months was 14,127,000 tons.

Increased Output

The output during October was 1,500,000 tons, an increase of 21 per cent over that of September.

Total importations of coal from the United States and Great Britain during October amounted to 1,931,000 tons, as against 2,125,000 tons imported during September and was seven per cent below the three-year average for the month. However, the total importation of all coal for ten months was 19,450,000 tons, an increase of 43 per cent over the preceding three-year average for the same period.

Fire at Calgary

CALGARY, Dec. 31.—Fire of unknown origin, which in twenty degrees below zero weather tonight gutted Greenshield's auction mart and M. J. Oliver's photographic establishment in the business section here, caused damage estimated at $50,000. Residents of apartments in the block were driven into the intense cold half clad.

Fire at Bella Bella

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bella Bella cannery on Denny Island, 320 miles north of Vancouver, Sunday. The cannery was owned by Gosse-Millard Packing Company, Limited, and was partly protected by insurance. A score of employees' dwellings also were burned, and the total loss will be $200,000.

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Uncle Sam Improves Chance to Do Business

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Washington Government has agreed to sell a quantity of war material to the Obregon Government in Mexico. The decision was reached after a request for such action had been received from the Obregon Government and, is understood to have been prompted by a desire to see that government, which is faced by an armed uprising.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A formal protest against the plan of the United States to sell war materials to the government of General Obregon, in Mexico, was transmitted to the State Department today by representatives here of the de la Huerta revolutionary group. Apparently the communication was doomed to be lost in departmental files, as there was no indication that its receipt would ever be acknowledged. The Washington Government, in the past, has scrupulously avoided any dealings with agents in this country of revolutionists against a friendly power. They have been recognized in no official way.

China is constantly becoming a larger buyer of canned milk.

Special Turkey Dinner at Strathcona from 5:30 to 8. A la carte service.

PRAY FOR CATTLE

Special Petition Offered Up in District Hard Hit by Foot and Mouth Disease

LONDON, Dec. 31.—"O Lord, who didst not despise the companionship of the ox and ass, have pity on our cattle; turn away the plague that is fallen upon them; comfort the farmers, fill again with herds and prosperity the lonely fields so that we may rejoice in thy goodness."

This was a special prayer offered up in the Chester Cathedral yesterday in consequence of the scourge of the foot and mouth disease among animals in Cheshire where it continues unabated. Similar prayers were made in other sections of the country where the disease is prevalent, the petitions in all cases having been authorized by the bishops of the diocese affected.

Owing to a further outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among cattle at Aldbrought and Holderness, Yorkshire, cattle market at Hull was closed today. The closing took place after large consignments of stock had arrived.

Roman politicians, before election time, used to bathe with the people in public bath houses.

SECOND LIQUOR CHEUQE ARRIVES

City Finds That Amount Received From Liquor Profits in 1923 Exceeds Estimate by $10,000

LATEST PAYMENT TOTALS $45,000

Will Mean Some Reduction in Cash Deficit With Which Year Closed—Money Late In Coming

THE amount which the city secured in 1923 from liquor profits was over $10,000 more than estimated. This assisted in reducing the cash deficit with which the city ended the year.

For the six months ending March 31, Victoria received $40,455.37 from the Provincial Government as its share of the liquor profits. Yesterday the cheque covering the six months ending September 30 arrived at the City Hall. It was for $45,383.76, bringing the total of the liquor money up to $85,839.13. The amount estimated to come from this source was $75,000, which was exceeded by $10,839.13.

City Treasurer Edwin C. Smith does not yet know the amount of the cash deficit with which the city ended 1923, but it is considerably below what was expected several months ago. The liquor money has been counted on to aid in the financing at the end of the year, and the failure of the cheque to arrive caused some worry at the City Hall, which, however, ceased yesterday.

Interest at the rate of 3 per cent goes on all unpaid 1923 taxes.

BEGINS YEAR IN STRONG POSITION

FRANCE'S PRESTIGE GREATLY INCREASED

Steadfast Action in Ruhr Problems Has Drawn Little Entente Closer During Period

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The French Government will begin the New Year in what is regarded in the Foreign Office as a stronger position than a year ago. France has asserted by her acts her purpose to collect reparations with the co-operation of her Allies if possible, but alone if necessary.

The occupation of the Ruhr against the will of the British Government was followed by anxious months, but nothing was done on the part of the British Government or any other government except Berlin, to embarrass the French occupation. The Berlin policy of passive resistance failed and the year ends with the French Government having made contracts with the German industrial interests for working the Ruhr profitably.

Prestige Increased

The prestige of France, it is considered, has been immensely increased on the Continent by her having been able, regardless of the powerful influence of London, to pursue her conception of national interests. The countries of the Little Entente have been drawn close to France during the year. The rearming of Poland, of Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia has gone forward assisted by French loans, so that these Allies of France are in a more favorable position than they were twelve months ago to co-operate with her either against Germany or Russia.

The relations with Belgium have been subject to some strain, because the Belgian policy toward Germany is not identical with that of France. Belgian interests are regarded as being partly those of England, in the need for restored markets, and partly those of France, in her attitude toward the collection of damages from Germany.

A Disturbing Influence

French diplomacy has been somewhat concerned by the Entente between Italy and Spain, as their combined navies disturb the equilibrium of sea power in the Mediterranean, and if both were hostile to France she would have great difficulty in maintaining her communications with North Africa.

France has been confirmed in her Syrian possessions by the Treaty of Lausanne and the strengthening of her friendly intercourse with the Turkish Government.

The French Foreign Office at the beginning of 1924 finds itself in the presence of two grave questions—first, whether British policy is to remain moderately passive toward French aims in Germany or become actively hostile, and second, the economic and political decomposition in Germany.

Long Lac Cutoff On Canadian National Now About Ready for Use

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The Long Lac cutoff, the new connecting link between the southern and northern transcontinental routes of the Canadian National Railways between Toronto and Winnipeg, has been completed and operation of passenger trains will commence on January 5. A saving in time of five hours and five minutes will be made between Winnipeg and Toronto.

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STINNES-GERMANY-POINCARE

(Hugo Stinnes is making millions out of the present state of German finance, and France objects to Allied loans for food for Germany while Germany is able to finance her own loans for raw materials for trade expansion.)

—From The Korsaren, Christiania.

CONDUCT THAT OF PETULANT CHILD

Manchester Guardian Refers to Premier Massey's Recent Remarks on British Preference as "Dangerous Rhetoric" and Bewails Lack of Manners Displayed in New Zealander's Criticism of Britain's Ability to Conduct Her Own Affairs

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Some of the sentiments expressed by Premier Massey, of New Zealand, in speeches delivered since his arrival in Canada on a visit to that Dominion before his return to his own country after having attended the Imperial Conference in London, are characterized by The Manchester Guardian as "dangerous rhetoric."

In this connection The Guardian says: "Our Dominions are no longer children, but some of their politicians certainly give England occasion for showing the patience with which affectionate parents receive their petulant or querulous remarks of much petted sons or daughters.

The Spoilt Child

"When he goes straight from England's very cordial hospitality to tell another Dominion that we do not know how to manage our affairs, he shows how extraordinarily far it is for the spoilt child line of comment to go.

"The present situation, apart from Premier Baldwin's momentary tampering with the finance policy, is that we give the Dominion exporter the best of all possible treatment. We let his goods in perfectly free. The Dominions, on the other hand, treat our goods as evils and take masterful measures to keep them out or at least severely restrict their importation.

Some Assurance

"After such handsome treatment on the one side, and decidedly different treatment on the other, it needs some assurance for the New Zealand politician to abuse as a fetish, a policy so favorable to his own country and demand that we should restrict and ruin some other details of trade, our greatest export industry, to give the Dominion traders not only a free market, but a monopoly of our markets. They think that on the whole it exhibited our leaders and institutions as inefficient, and our people as of relatively low intelligence and vitality.

"At least we know enough to refrain from plunging offensively into Dominion politics. Our statesmen do not make provocative public attacks on one Dominion before an audience in another Dominion."

DER TOY PURLOINS COUSIN DER KUE'S COAT AND PAYS

The spirit of New Year's was regnant in the city police court yesterday, and the only incident which marred the general desire to forget unpleasant things at the festive season was the necessity for dealing with the case of Der Toy, who pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing the overcoat of his fellow roomer and fellow clansman, Der Kue.

Unfortunately, the court could not overlook the fact that Der Toy took the overcoat of cousin Der Kue when Der Kue was not looking, and pawned it in Chinatown for the sum of $4. It was true that the father of Der Toy redeemed the garment two hours after it had been so mortgaged and had to pay forty cents interest on the transaction which worked out at the not inconsiderable rate of 120 per cent per diem, or at something over 40,000 per cent per annum, which, as times go, would be an attractive investment for anybody with a thousand dollars saved from his hard-earned wages.

This was true, and the court took judicial notice of it; also of the fact that it was the festive season of good will among men. Nevertheless, there was the proved crime, and the admitted guilt of Der Toy; and there was the further circumstance that Der Toy was unable to plead extenuation of the human perfidy and the legal transgression. It seemed to the court that there was nothing for it but that Der Toy must go to prison for one month. Which was so ordered.

The rest of the calendar was speedily dealt with. The case of the Loyal Club, charged with selling beer, and represented by Mr. H. C. Hall, K.C., was further remanded until next Friday; while that of G. D. Crooks, accused of speeding and of not reporting to the police the subsequent motor accident, was put over until Thursday. Mr. R. C. Lowe appeared for the last-named defendant.

IMMIGRATION SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH

Arrivals in Dominion During Past Eight Months Increase Nearly Twenty-Eight Thousand

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Immigration figures issued recently, covering the eight-months of the fiscal year ended November 30 last, show a remarkable increase over the corresponding period last year. The total number of immigrants who came to Canada from all countries during the eight-months' period last year was 56,882, while this year the immigration from the British Isles alone was greater than that, and the immigration from all countries, totalling 118,091, was more than double. The number of immigrants from the British Isles in the 1922-'23 period was only 27,262.

Immigration from the United States shows a ten per cent decrease this year as compared with last. During the eight-month period last year 18,040 immigrants came to Canada from the United States. Thus far this year only 16,207 have come across. From "other countries" 59,491 immigrants have come to Canada thus far this fiscal year, as against 11,530 during the eight-month period a year ago. This is an increase of 240 per cent.

FIRST PHASE ENDS

ROME, Dec. 31.—Premier Mussolini, addressing the cabinet last night, thanked the ministers for their co-operation during the last year. He declared that the work accomplished up to the present time represented the first phase of the Fascisti regime and ended the exercise of full powers granted by the chamber of 1922.

CALL MADE FOR MORE MISSIONARIES

Student Volunteer Convention Hopes for Additional Workers in Field Already Occupied

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—A world call for intensified missionary activity and a programme of evangelical work broader in scope than ever before has been proposed in the Christian Church in America, is the keynote of the quadrennial report of the executive committee submitted today to the student volunteer convention. The committee is composed of thirty members, fifteen students representing upward of seven thousand delegates in more than one thousand schools and colleges of the United States and Canada and fifteen representatives of two score of evangelic denominations co-operating in preparing college students for foreign fields.

More than 1,200 new missionaries annually from the United States and Canada will be the minimum requirement to carry on the foreign work already instituted in more than twenty countries. It is the hope of church leaders, the report stated, that the new workers may be recruited largely from the ranks of college-trained men and women.

AGED FRENCHMAN FINALLY GETS JUSTICE

Good Name of Convict Has Been Fully Cleared by Recent Scientific Discoveries

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Louis Danval, a 73-year-old druggist, pardoned in 1902 after serving 24 years of a life-sentence imposed in 1878, after he was found guilty of poisoning his wife, and who was given amnesty in 1919 because his two sons were killed in the war, had his name cleared completely by action of the court of cassation.

Danval showed through experts that the scientific evidence on which he was convicted was erroneous and that his wife died of a kidney disease of which nothing was known at that time. The court quashed the old conviction, granting him a pension of 12,000 francs and damages amounting to 30,000 francs.

Theatrical Manager Is Victim of Fatal Shooting On Stage In Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Shot in the head as he was walking back of the scene on the stage of the Princess Theatre at Farnham, Que., last night, Thomas Trusler, 28, of Montreal, manager of a "wild west revue," died at the Farnham hospital at 11:30 o'clock. The accidental shooting came as a climax to the second scene in the show when a comedy shot was being executed by Francis Dorshman, another member of the company. The theatre was crowded when the shot was fired. There was the sound of a body falling. Dorsham went at once to the rear of the stage and found Trusler lying in a pool of blood. It was found that the bullet had entered the head behind the right ear.

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GERMAN SAILOR IS NOW MAIL ROBBER

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Ludwig Schmidt, the German sailor who escaped from the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary yesterday with three others, was one of three bandits who robbed a mail truck of $300,000 in negotiable paper at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on April 19, 1921.

Greetings for the New Year

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LONDON, Dec. 31.—Frank B. Kellogg, new United States ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Kellogg arrived in London yesterday. The ambassador will be received by King George after his return from Sandringham, where he is spending the holidays.

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25 Dozen Slightly Soiled Handkerchiefs used in Christmas decorations, greatly reduced to clear. On sale Wednesday at the low price of, per dozen 75c

Marabou Capes and Stoles to Clear at $4.25, $5.00 and $7.50

Beautiful French Marabou Capes and Stoles in black, brown and taupe, specially reduced for January Sale at $4.25, $5.00 and $7.50

Silk and Wool Scarves Up to $4.50 for $2.90

Fancy Silk and Wool Scarves in pretty colorings with deep fringed ends. Formerly priced regular up to $4.50. Priced to clear Wednesday at $2.90

Clearance Sale of Aprons at 85c, 90c and $1.00

January Sale of Colored Aprons in fitted and loose styles, light and dark colors, in neat and novelty designs. Special at 85c, 90c and $1.00

Children's Wear at Big Reductions

Girls' Cloth Dresses in navy, saxe and brown; sizes 4 to 12 years. Regular $5.50 to $12.75. Sale Prices, $2.90, $3.00 and $5.00

St. Margaret Kiltie Dresses for girls 4 to 8 years; navy, paddy and brown. Regular $5.75 to $6.75. Sale Price at $3.90

Two only, Girls' Waterproof Coats for 8 and 12 years. Regular $9.75, for $3.90

Girls' Plush and Felt Hats, formerly priced regular up to $8.75. Priced to clear at $1.00, $1.95, $2.25, $3.25 and $5.75

Four only, Pretty Wool Tuxedo Sweaters for ages 10 to 14 years. Regular $8.25. Sale Price $3.90

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Women's Chamoisette Gloves, odd lines and broken sizes, white and natural. Greatly reduced to clear at, per pair 49c

Italian Lambskin Gloves, good quality; black only; all sizes. A splendid bargain at, per pair 49c

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Odd and Discontinued Lines of Corsets, including Nemo, American Lady and Smart Set. Broken sizes. Regular up to $7.50. January Sale Price, per pair $4.95

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Penman's All-Wool Black Cashmere Hose, excellent quality and perfect fitting. Sale Price, per pair 69c

Venus Silk Hose Sale Price, $1.79 Pair

High-Grade English Wool Sports Hose at $1.89 Pair

Women's High-Grade English Wool Sports Hose, in plain and ribbed effects, in the wanted colors. Regular up to $2.75 per pair. To clear at, per pair $1.89

Odd Lines of Italian Silk Hose, Regular $3.90, Sale Price, 2.49

Clearing Odd Lines of Kayser Italian Silk Hose, in white, silver, navy and brown. Regular $3.90. Sale Price, per pair $2.49

Bargains in the Knit Underwear Section

Zenith Drawers for Women, knee and ankle length, closed style; sizes 36 and 38. Regular to $1.75. Sale Price 95c

Women's Vests, Zenith brand, short and long sleeves; sizes 36 and 38. Regular $1.75. Sale Price 95c

Zenith Combinations for women, ankle and knee length; sizes 36 and 38. Regular $4.50 per suit. Sale Price $2.95

Velva Combinations, V-neck, ankle length; all sizes, good quality. To clear at, per suit $1.95

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Fur-Trimmed Suits At Half Price

This great Half-Price Clearance Sale of Women's Fur-Trimmed Suits presents a wonderful buying opportunity for January Sale shoppers. There are many smart models to select from.

$55.00 Suits at $27.50
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Early Selection Is Advisable

Mr. Moses Cotsworth Takes His Calendar Proposal to League

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Every year, beginning with 1928, will consist of thirteen months, instead of twelve, if astronomers have their way at the League of Nations Committee meeting on calendar revision, next year. The plan for inserting an extra month in the proposed world-wide calendar to be evolved at the meeting, was explained before the American Association for the Advancement of Science there by Mr. M. B. Cotsworth, of Vancouver, B.C., its originator.

Each month, under the plan, would consist of twenty-eight days, or four complete weeks, the thirteenth month to be inserted between June and July, and to be known as "Sol."

The Gregorian calendar, with its month of uneven length, is inconvenient to present-day business and domestic life, Mr. Cotsworth declared. While salaries, rents, accounts and budgets in many cases are on a monthly basis, the discrepancy in the length of months causes much confusion, he said.

Mr. Cotsworth is well known in British Columbia. While a resident of Vancouver he published the now celebrated pamphlet entitled "The Crisis," just previous to the Provincial general election of 1916, in which the alleged doings of the then Bowser Government were "exposed," on which publication the Liberals formed many of their charges against the then regime and which furnished that party with most of their ammunition, resulting in the return of the Brewster Government.

Irish Finance Minister Speaks Optimistically Of Opening Year

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—The Finance Minister, Ernest Blythe, in a New Year message to the press today, says Ireland is putting the last two years behind her as a nightmare. The nation has suffered no irreparable loss. The material destruction caused during the fighting with the republicans will necessitate restriction of the national expenditure, but the bill can be met without mortgaging the future of the country or sacrificing its financial independence.

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THE NEW YEAR

"We spend our years as a tale that is told," says the Psalmist; and it is ever the nature of men to let the dead past bury its dead. Nevertheless, and while the human creature is still such as the poet found him, "of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows," it is not less the nature of anniversaries to invite the backward as well as the forward glance. Especially is this true of New Year's Day. The bells which joyously rang in the New Year this morning were those which tolled the knell of the Old; and only a moment of time served to mark the birth which lay cradled in the arms of death. The midnight watchers of yesteryear, obeying an instinct immemorial to men, caught the promise of immortality from the fact of dissolution, and in the same breath that they said "The King is dead," they said, "Long live the King." It is a hopeful thing, and in the real spirit of New Year's greetings, that retrospect this morning, no less than prospect, should be warmed and illumined with that courage in which men are wont to confront their destiny, plucking the sting from death, and making naught the victory of the grave.

It is in the memory and in the faith of these verities that we wish our readers this morning a Happy New Year. Elsewhere in these columns we record the happenings of the Old Year, and we cite reasons for our confidence in the promise of good things in the New. We are not unmindful that the dark shadows of the Great War have not been altogether dispelled from the works and ways of the world; nor that the great task of peace and reconstruction which faces Europe must find its expression and its reactions on this continent, in the Dominion, in the Province, and in this city. We do not forget that some wounds of the war are still unhealed, some scars still livid, some memories of it still scar the consciousness of those who find the lapse of five years too little to soften the recollections of the years which went before. The effects of the war will be felt in every human institution for a period altogether incalculable by any human measure; and will come home nearly to the business and bosoms of men of this and several succeeding generations.

The war, and what it has left in the mind and conscience of humanity, cannot be whistled down the wind of any platitude of optimism; it cannot be talked into nothingness by the voice of fools; it cannot cease to gather significance as its proportions receive perspective from the increasing distance of time. The memories of the war are not all bitter; its quarrels are not all unappeasable. Its sorrows begin to find the assuagement which nature dispenses as the balm of all human grief. There are brave memories out of the war, and legacies of honor, and the priceless heritage which is contained in the recollection that its men and women were equal in fibre of soul, in endurance of the spirit, to the uttermost that men and women have ever dared or suffered. With the coming of another year we are reminded that a generation is growing up which knows war only as a tale that is told; and for whom its burden may be lessened by the honor of peace; and whose days shall know the beauty of the lilies of peace.

The spirit in which men greet the New Year is that in which fires are replenished, and lamps trimmed, and corn planted in the furrowed earth. It is the spirit in which watch-keeping sailors, as they strike eight bells of the midnight watch, call back to the bridge: The lights are bright and all's well. It is the spirit which affirms that men are equal to their destiny; which led John Tyndall to declare that "the genius of Newton was potential in the fires of the Sun"; which inspired Milton to the height of his great argument and bade him "assert eternal Providence, and justify the ways of God to men." The New Year is the true springtime of man's fortitude, of his resolution to shoulder once more, in clean valor of heart and in singleness of mind, the burden laid upon him by Atropos. It is still and forever true that men live by invisible fires within them—they cannot live by bread alone. They greet the New Year as men face the East in the desert, in the sure hope of sunrise, in the faith that the mercy of Allah shall not fail the sons of men.

CANADA IN 1923

Canada passed through a comparatively quiet period during 1923, but it was one of progress in several directions. The trade of the country has shown very definite and satisfactory advances. The business of the railways is increasing. The grain crop was an excellent one. There is sound optimism abroad respecting the future and 1924 gives promise of being one of the best years in the history of the country. A notable political event of the past year was the turnover in government in Ontario and the displacement there of the Farmers' administration by the Conservatives after the former had had a term's trial. Both Manitoba and Alberta, in plebiscites, overwhelmingly defeated the Prohibition laws which were in force in those two Provinces, and the former has already put its moderation law into operation.

During the year the Prime Minister attended the Imperial Conference in London, as an outcome of which it is possible there will be extensions of the British preference and a consequent building up of a wider volume of trade within the Empire. Notable deaths during 1923 were those of Baron Shaughnessy and Sir William Mackenzie, both of whom have earned their places in history as makers of Canada. The country was honored by an extended visit from the Prince of Wales, and the fact that he came here for holiday purposes illustrates his growing interest in the Dominion. From every standpoint Canada has reason for satisfaction with her progress in 1923. Immigration to the country is increasing, there has been comparatively little unemployment, a minimum of labor troubles and there is a sound sense of business security. The year 1924 opens with very satisfactory prospects all over the Dominion.

SOME WORLD EVENTS

Measured in terms of recent times the year just gone cannot be described as one of outstanding events although it was marked by a tragic earthquake which spread ruin in two of Japan's principal cities. In the sense of international politics the happening likely to exercise the greatest influence on the future was the French occupation of the Ruhr. That already has had economic effects of far reaching importance. Its political aspect cannot yet be wholly measured, but there are already evidences enough to show that in its future implications it is an event of first rate political significance. The Peace of Lausanne, signed during the year, composed the differences between Turkey and Greece, officially ended the war between those two countries and, so far as the recognition of the Powers was concerned, permitted Turkey to embark on her republican form of Government and marked the restoration of her place and power in Europe.

An event of high importance to the future of Europe during the year was the strengthening of Italy's place among the Powers. Whatever disagreement there may be over some of his methods of government, there can be no question that Premier Mussolini has proved himself the Man on Horseback during a critical time in Italy's affairs. He has brought into the affairs of the country stable administration. He has greatly enhanced the prestige of his nation, and he has swept away the threat of revolution which faced the supine government which he supplanted. Greece has had a revolution during the year, is still passing through the throes of political changes and it is not yet clear what character of permanent government will emerge.

In the New World the death of President Harding of the United States profoundly touched the sensibilities of that nation. The event made no change in the country's policies, either internally or in an international sense, but it has changed the outlook for the Republican nominee for the next Presidential Election, the rumblings of which are now being heard. Business was good throughout the United States during the year, unemployment there was less than for several years, and there was a remarkable boom in building, especially in the larger cities. The attitude of the country regarding foreign policies remains fixed, which means the United States still refuses to take her part in the councils of the League of Nations, although she has shown a disposition to interest herself in the settlement of the Reparations issue.

BRITISH PROGRESS

In Britain, apart from the international outlook, the chief problem of 1923 has been that of unemployment. It was that problem which precipitated the recent general election on the issue of Free Trade versus Protection. The year has closed in Britain with the political outlook somewhat murky, for no one can prophesy with any certainty the complexion of the government that will be in power in three months' time. The Conservatives remain the strongest single political party in the country, but not strong enough to carry on government and at the same time enforce their policies. In India, in Egypt, in Kenya, in Mesopotamia and in Palestine, some troubles, mainly political, have had to be faced during the past year, while the Ruhr problem, allied as it is with that of German Reparations, has been a standing preoccupation of British statesmen. Britain's strength in the councils of the League of Nations has been an important factor in solving a number of European issues which developed during the year. Despite some grave internal problems, and particularly that of unemployment, Britain's trade continues to show satisfactory gains, and London is resuming its place as the financial centre of the world, while the British merchant marine has regained much of the trade which it lost during the war years. Britain, too, again is responsible for a far larger percentage of new shipbuilding than any other nation. The work of reconstruction there is being steadily advanced, and the many problems arising out of the war are being coped with courageously and efficiently.

What Does Victoria Need?

A Gentle Reproof of the Dear Old Boosters

By P. C. R.

For reasons which he may be able to justify—but we doubt it—the editor has not seen fit to invite contribution to his current symposium of prominent citizens on the question, "What does Victoria need?" It seems improbable, but it is possible both that the editor does not know of our prominence and that he doubts the value of our opinion. Being used to this sort of neglect, we do not resent it. If the editor does not know by this time that we are prominent citizens we are sorry for him. No matter how much it hurts him, we are going to forgive him. We are going to heap coals of fire on his head—which is the proper way to forgive people, no matter how much it hurts them. And seeing that Christmas is past, and as we write it is New Year's Eve, and we are now well and truly broke to the wide unheeding world, and that nobody loves us as far as we can see, we are going to strike what the dear old Boosters call a keynote by saying that Victoria is all right, absolutely, and needs nothing so much as to be left alone.

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It is highly characteristic of Victoria that the question of what Victoria is supposed to need should almost invariably be discussed from the point of view of the things alleged to be wrong with Victoria. For a small community, this pleasant little city by the sea has a surprising consciousness of its own soul. It wants very earnestly to be shown what it ought to do, especialy about things that are done differently in Vancouver or Seattle or Los Angeles—more especially Los Angeles, which is the place that the dear old Boosters have in mind when they see visions of what Victoria may become by 1925, 1950, or some time or other. It would seem, from this point of view, that Victoria never is, but is always to be blest. Well, as we say, this is New Year's Eve—a good time for a more hopeful view. Another year is upon us, with its inevitable list of Things Victoria Needs, Things Victoria Must Do, Things Wrong With Victoria. And, again speaking in the sure and certain hope that the editor will have fits when he sees this, and that the dear old Boosters will call a meeting about it in the Arena, we repeat that Victoria is all right, and that any little troubles she may have will all roll by, like the clouds, if she smiles and keeps a stiff upper lip.

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Yes, we venture this astounding, this magnificently-audacious assertion—Victoria is all right. This little town by the Pacific sea is just as good a place to live in as we know of—and, for our sins, we have wandered far. This little town has beauty and repose and a kindly people. It is healthy and clean and self-respecting. Its climate is not what the good old Boosters say it is, but it is a good climate. Its late Summers are the most delightful we have known anywhere. Its Winters are the finest in Canada, the best north of 'Frisco on this coast. Its Spring and early Summer would be all the better if the wind did not blow off the Olympics in those seasons—but who would move the Olympics for a little thing like that? If the good old Boosters would just content themselves with the bare truth about Victoria's climate, they would attract four times as many tourists as they do now. Do the good old Boosters think there is any novelty for the tourists in hearing that Victoria has the finest climate in North America, when everybody knows that there are 578 places on the Pacific Coast alone with the finest climate in the world? And for our part, we believe that any community which would go to the other extreme and say: "Come and spend your Winter in the rottenest climate in North America," would have to import ten thousand carpenters to provide the necessary accommodation for the surprised and delighted tourists who would rush there.

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We have another terrible shock for the good old Boosters. We hate to wound them in their tenderest feelings, but we are going to say that we would much rather have Victoria as it is than as a perspiring, anxious rival of Los Angeles, scale one inch to the foot. Why, Lord bless our dear old Boosters' souls, the charm of Victoria is that it is not like Los Angeles. Who could look south down Douglas Street, in the lucid twilight of some clear evening of July, and see the loom of the Olympics, flung like a rampart against the city's horizon, and then talk puerilities about being a little more like Los Angeles? These things that the boom cities pride themselves upon, and fret themselves about, what are they, and what are they worth? You can have them anywhere at all that you can induce enough feverish human souls to foregather in. But what goes to the making of a Victoria is a city's proud consciousness that it is itself; is not an imitation of any other thing; is not shoddy nor veneer, nor meretriciousness; but is a place of tradition, of stored and treasured and hallowed memories, with the character of its founders and pioneers wrought into the very fabric of its civic and social life; with a soul of its own, and the will and the pride to keep its own soul.

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The fact is, that there is not another town in the world of Victoria's size with more of the things that adorn and make comfortable a city's life than this little city possesses. It has the outlines and aspects of a serene and gracious city. It has noble and far-spread vistas, and it has a near and abiding loveliness. It has a friendly and intelligent people; and if it be true that they are a conservative people, we, radicals and outcasts that we are, are no whit perturbed by that. It is nonsense to talk of Victoria's parochialisms and provincialisms. Victoria is more civilized than New York, less provincial than Chicago, more beautiful than any other city on the Pacific Coast of North America. It is a British city, too; and we count that an asset. It is an outpost of British culture, the British way of doing things; and we believe that it is good for the world that that way should be preserved and developed. Let Los Angeles keep her own way, and let Victoria keep hers. Not that it is a perfect way—but who wants perfection? The good Lord forbid, anyhow, that Victoria should ever attain to any approximation of those dreams out of the ivory gates which our good old Boosters indulge in their weekly predictions of what we are coming to if we don't do something about it.

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We are told that we shall all be living in Vancouver or Port Angeles or some other dreadful place inside of five years if we do not acquire grain elevators, industries, more tourists, more industries, population and more tourists. Not a bit of it. These things are coming to Victoria; Victoria is going to get them, in her own way, in her own time. But they are not to be achieved by the jeremiads of the good old Boosters. They are not to be attained by erasing from the city the smile of its loveliness; by any hectic endeavor to make the city over again after the formal pattern of some other city; by an attempt, however well meaning, to improve the city out of all that makes it unique, characteristic; that, in a word, makes it Victoria, of whom its least loyal citizen may boast: "Of no mean city am I."

Poems That Endure

Untwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.
—John Milton.

THOSE EVENING BELLS

Those evening bells, Those evening bells!
How many a tale their music tells
Of youth, and home, and that sweet time
When last I heard their soothing chime!

Those joyous hours are passed away.
And many a heart that then was gay
Within the tomb now darkly dwells,
And hears no more those evening bells.

And so 'twill be when I am gone—
That tuneful peal will still ring on;
While other bards shall walk these dells,
And sing your praise, sweet evening bells.
—Thomas Moore.

By the Way—

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Meaning of Nirvana in Brahmanism

IN Brahmanism Nirvana is a synonym of Moksha, meaning spiritual freedom and ecstacy. In the Buddhist religion it means the final release of the soul from the necessity of transmigration, and its consequent enfranchisement from the ills of existence by absorption into the divine essence.

Complete Nirvana or extinction cannot, of course, take place till death; but this state of preparation for it, called simply Nirvana, seems attainable during life, and was, in fact, attained by Gautama himself. The process by which the state is attained is called Dhyana, and is neither more nor less than ecstasy or trance, which plays so important a part among mystics of all religions. The individual is described as losing one feeling after another, until perfect apathy is attained, and he reaches a region "where there are neither ideas, nor the idea of the absence of ideas!"

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Freight Rates On Fruit

Sir,—In your summary of the valuable work done by the Victoria Chamber of Commerce during 1923, the matter of the reduction of the freight rate on cars of fruit is mentioned, and the entire credit for getting this adjustment is given to the Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

While thankfully acknowledging the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in this connection, it is to Mr. Lionel Taylor, Kelowna, president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, and Mr. Thomas Bulman, Vernon, the credit belongs, who, on a trip east on other association business, took the matter up with the proper authorities at headquarters, resulting in an adjustment which saved the growers of Keating and Gordon Head $2,000 on the cars shipped last season. I am sure the Chamber of Commerce is quite prepared to give the credit to those to whom it rightfully belongs.

GEORGE STEWART.
Director No. 1 District British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, Keating, B.C., Dec. 29, 1923.

Dean Quainton and Prohibition

Sir,—Under the following heading in a Colonist issue, "Dean Surprising in His Answers," the following appears:

"Bearing in mind the need of communal pleasure, I have often pictured the green and spacious lawns in front of the Empress Hotel on a Summer day, dotted with tables on which light refreshment might be served, a really good band would play pleasing music, a glass of beer or wine or a liquor could be obtained with other refreshments (there is nothing like publicity as an aid to true temperance)."

Mr. Editor, some time ago, when the fight for Prohibition took place, I wrote and circulated a pamphlet, "An Appeal to Reason," in which I predicted, the curses, hypocrisy, drugs, "stool pigeons," and the thousand and one evils we have today. I stated "The liquor traffic will not be suppressed, but will increase and be simply transferred to other people. An open door will be given for political graft and a scramble for government jobs. Instead of as now in Victoria having, say, 50 places for the purchase of liquor, every home and place will be able to store, and opportunities will be given to drink."

Mr. Dean, I am only a layman. You are a man claiming authority, a power in the church, a part of a great collection of men able through the opportunity given them to control the future of millions of "laymen" such as I." You state, "There is nothing like publicity as an end to true temperance." These words should be written in gold type so that all could see, because this is and will be, the saving of Canada. It is by example we teach, not by force. The noble work of temperance leaders and teachers is now being put back by a so-called prohibition movement. Your idea, Mr. Dean, would uncover the terrible sore of intemperance by giving it the "light of day," instead of hiding the sore, forcing it into the byways and ditches, there to propagate the seed of poisonous drugs, bootleggers, debauchery and crime.

If only a small portion of the time and money had been spent in proper control of the old saloon, the present evils published in the papers would never have existed.

Printed in The News of the World December 9, 1923, the following appears, under the heading 'The Quacks Paradise": "No fewer than a million gallons of liquor were consumed in America. Washingtc authorities, diagnosing the complai as 'booziti,' report that during th year ending June 30 last retail druggists in 30 states and dependances filled 11,268,469 prescriptions called medicinal. These called for a total of 1,400,614 gallons, comprising whisky, 1,347,573; wine, 30,752; brandy, 9,945; rum, 2,015. Under a system of diplomas, payments for which are ten dollars upwards, Professor W. T. Sachs, a member of the College of Medicine, which was recently raided, has stated that he can testify that 15,000 to 25,000 'doctors' are practising unlawfully in America—another of the evils brought in by prohibition."

Temperance and education were a blessing, leading up to the benefit of mankind. Surely and steadily prohibition is a curse, and has set back the clock a century, and when the book fo misery and wrong is disclosed of prohibition, prohibitionists wil have much to repent and answer for.

JOHN DAY.
580 Madison Street, Victoria, B. C., December 29, 1923.

"Beer Gardens"

Sir,—The executive committee of the People's Prohibition Association of Victoria has authorized the following statement on the subject of "Beer Gardens," recently before the public.

1. It is exceedingly regrettable that the subject of German beer gardens should have been thrust upon the public mind on the eve of the plebiscite being taken on the proposed Amusement Centre.

The suggestion of beer gardens has created a fear in many quarters that once the Amusement Centre—sometimes called the Crystal Gardens—has been established, the open sale of beer will become one of its main adjuncts. The fear of this may militate seriously against a whole hearted support of the project by the public. Some authoritative statement should be forthcoming to allay any such fear on this score.

2. Taking into consideration the general subject of German beer gardens, the committee feels that it must enter a strong protest against the idea of introducing German beer gardens into this city and province.

(a) Beer gardens such as have been advocated are entirely foreign to British social life and institutions.

(b) The very mention of German beer gardens, as a part of the social customs of people living under the British flag is obnoxious. Their introduction here would mean that Victoria is so destitute of attractions for the outside world, and is so impoverished of the means of social enjoyment, that she is ready to adopt one of the lowest of German social institutions, the effect of which has been amply demonstrated in German national life.

3. In the opinion of this committee the suggestion of German beer gardens coming immediately after the passing of the Beer Plebiscite Act, by the Legislature, can hardly be considered as indicative of a heaven-born desire to promote sobriety among our people.

C. A. FIELDS, Chairman.
T. HUMPHRIES, Secretary.
Peoples' Prohibition Association, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1923.

Amusement By-Law

Sir,—Vox populi, Vox Dei—when they are right. We of the Light Brigade in the recent contest have no reason to be ashamed of our showing under all the circumstances, and we certainly got the "ayes" rallied. Reaching out in all directions for aid, we had to combat His Worship the Mayor and Council and the Chamber of Commerce, a solid phalanx in front of us; the heavy property owners to the right of us; the Canadian Pacific Railway influence to the left of us; Generals Pendray, Holmes and Shanks flanking us with their light artillery; the Mayor of Los Angeles wiring a broadside into us, and the man from Tacoma "walked" in and took a shot at us; hundreds of canvassers and motors (and we, without one); with both papers against us! It's a wonder that any of us got through.

Let us hope it will enure to the benefit of our city, though we do not agree with it. It can do the city no harm to let the C.P.R. see that there are a few of us can see as far through a ladder as they can, and perhaps hasten a new depot in lieu of the baggage room we have put up with for the last thirty years.

JOHN DEAN.
P.O. Box 243, Victoria, B.C., December 29, 1923.

A Third Party

Sir,—Mr. Bowser in his speech at Sidney on Friday, 28th inst., ridiculed the idea of a third party ever getting into power in the Legislature of this Province, stating that other Provinces in the Dominion having suffered from experimenting with third parties, British Columbia would not follow suit. Mr. Bowser did not mention, however, that the cause of failure of these third parties was the factional element, i.e., the farmers, forming the mainstay of these third parties. The Provincial Party is non-factional to the extent that it consists of men and women of business, labor and agricultural pursuits, and of all shades of political opinion.

Mr. Bowser mentioned New Zealand butter as being sold in British Columbia, but could not mention that country in citing his list of third party failures. Mr. Massey's third party government has held office a number of years now, which scarcely is an indication that third party governments are not always failures.

Mr. Bowser touched on the subject of coalition, inferring, it is presumed, that, in the event of a similar impasse to that now in existence in Great Britain, the Provincial Party would side with either the Liberals or Conservatives. One would draw his attention to "Searchlight" No. 8, Page 6, Plank No. 49, which states:

"It is the sense of this convention that the Provincial Party, in the event of its being in the minority in the House after the next election, will not unite with either the Conservative or Liberal Party."

R. H. W. CLOWES.
R.M.D. 1, Sidney, B.C., December 29, 1923.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of January 1, 1874)

Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New—The fire bells sent forth a merry peal last night, commencing at 12 o'clock and continuing for some minutes. Schaffer's Band played appropriate airs; firearms and crackers were set off during the night.

Cariboo—There were several arrivals from Cariboo yesterday. Nearly all the "loose" men were preparing to leave for Cassiar. A great many were walking down. The Lane and Kartz pump was met at the 74-mile post.

The Indian "War"—The sensational reports from the Mainland have been entirely disproved by telegrams from the Government agents at Yale and Clinton. The Indians are not arming, and do not contemplate hostilities.

Hudson's Bay Store In Northern Ontario Scene Of Large Fur Robbery

NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 31.—Matitic, the little hamlet and fur trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company, about fifty miles west of Cochrane, Ont., on the transcontinental railway, has again emerged from obscurity and regained the spotlight. Word has been flashed through that the Hudson's Bay store has been broken into and furs valued at between $5,000 and $7,000 stolen. The exact number of skins has been set down in the messages broadcast by telephone, telegraph and radio. Some of the local radio operators picked up the messages. The furs stolen include fox, marten, otter and mink, and run into the hundreds.

This latest fur robbery is one of the largest pulled off in the North.

Former Bank President Taken to Hospital

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Mr. H. J. Daly, president of the Home Bank of Canada, who suffered a relapse last week and was removed to hospital, was reported this morning to have had a fairly good night. Mr. Daly had been in poor health since the failure of the institution. Since he become ill, Mr. Daly is said to have lost about fifty pounds in weight.

Try This Over on Your Piano

(Contributed)

Oh Mr. Editor, oh Mr. Dean,
Do you think the Council got tanked
up on gasoline?
And that then the C.P.R.
Said now, Jolly Boys, "Sign Here."
Oh, no, no! dear Mr. Editor,
Not very likely, Mr. Dean.

Oh, Mr. Editor, oh mr. Dean,
If you think the Council got tanked
up on gasoline,
Of that you needn't fear,
You will know this time next year
Absolutely, Mr. Editor,
Positively, Mr. Dean.

Oh, Mr. Editor, oh, Mr. Dean,
I really, really don't know what you
mean;
You will find the Amusement Centre
Quite a sound, sane business venture,
Absolutely, Mr. Editor,
Positively, Mr. Dean.

Oh, Mr. Editor, Oh, Mr. Dean,
I really don't know why you should
complain
And raise a hue an' cry.
When a man with half an eye
Could see it, Mr. Editor;
Yes, could see it, Mr. Dean.

Robbery at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—The plate glass window of Harry Pickering's jewelry store, Robson Street, was smashed early Sunday morning and rings and other articles valued at $1,000 taken.

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BOY LEGISLATORS MEET TOMORROW

For Three Days First Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia Will Be in Session Here—To Deal With Boy Problems—Maxwell Maynard, Victoria, Is Member of "Cabinet"—Will Sit in Legislative Hall at Government Buildings

TOMORROW afternoon, the seats in the Legislative Chamber, recently vacated by the members who make laws for British Columbia, will be filled by other legislators. They will be young men who come to order their own affairs; leaders of boys preparing to be leaders of men.

For three days the first Provincial Older Boys' Parliament, consisting of thirty-four young men of the average of from seventeen to nineteen, from various parts of British Columbia, will be in session at the Parliament Buildings here to deal with matters pertaining to the devopment of boy life throughout the Province.

The members have been duly elected through the ordinary procedure of Provincial elections. The Parliament represents the groups of boys formed under the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training system. A cabinet has been chosen, the Victoria boy on it being Maxwell Maynard, who is to fill the office of Provincial Secretary. He is the son of Mr. T. H. Maynard, Caledonia Avenue, and is now attending Normal School. Last year he was vice-president of the Beta Delta Society of the High School, and editor of The Camosun, the publication of that institution.

Cabinet Chosen

The full cabinet is as follows:

Premier—Walter Owen, Vancouver.

Provincial Secretary—Maxwell Maynard, Victoria.

Minister of Finance—Fred Higginbotham, Argos, Canadian Memorial Church, Vancouver.

Minister of the Intellectual Department—Roy Hay, New Westminster.

Minister of the Physical Department—Russell Robinson, Hustlers, Wesley Church, Vancouver.

Minister of the Devotional Department—W. J. Bell, Live Wires.

Minister of the Service Department—Harold Galbraith, H.O.A. Square, Vernon.

Minister of Municipalities—Max Honey, Salmon Arm.

The methods of procedure used by the Provincial Legislature will hold good for the Boys' Parliament. Mr. E. S. Farr, a teacher of the Victoria High School, will be the "speaker," Mr. Hubert Noble, North Vancouver, will be "deputy speaker," Rev. A. E. Roberts, chairman of the Provincial Boys' Work Board, will fill the role of "lieutenant-Governor, Mr. W. T. Straith will be the "clerk of the House," Mr. E. J. Knapton will act as his assistant, while Mr. Wylie Grant will take the part of "sergeant-at-arms."

A variety of matters having to do with the Canadian Standard Efficiency Training will be considered by the Parliament, which is to be the legislative body for the C.S.E.T. organization in the Province. Among the bills to be brought down will be one dealing with the budget for 1924, one to provide a boys' work secretary, one in regard to the organization of the Boys' Parliament in the Province, one for the organization of Tuxis Councils in the various centres in order to provide for interclub competition, and one to provide a Provincial training camp for leaders in boys' work. Revisions of the C.S.E.T. programme will be suggested, and in addition to the bills, there will be resolutions debated.

Two Parties (?)

One interesting discussion which will be heard is that as to whether a no-party or two-party system should exist in the Boys' Parliament. Opinion is divided on this matter.

The "members" will arrive tomorrow morning, and in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, "Parliament" will open with the reading of the "Lieutenant-Governor's" speech from the throne. There will be an evening session, commencing at 7:30. The afternoon sessions on both Thursday and Friday will begin at two o'clock, and the evening sessions at 7:30. The public is invited to attend the sittings of the Parliament.

The "members" will be billetted here with friends, and will have full guest privileges at the Y.M.C.A. during their stay.

The Rotary Club will entertain the "cabinet" and officials of the Parliament at its luncheon on Thursday, when several of the "Ministers" will speak. The boys will be treated to a drive around the city while here, and on Friday evening the Tuxis groups of the city are giving a dinner at the Y.M.C.A. in honor of the "members." Speeches will be given by he boys.

Attorney-General Manson, Minister of Public Works Sutherland, and Provincial Secretary MacLean have given every assistance to the Boys' Parliament.

Those Elected

The elected "members" who will attend the session of the Boys' Parliament here are:

East Kootenay—Barney Lyne, Michel.

West Kootenay—Vernon Sanford Wright, Nelson.

Okanagan North—Percy Raymond Lawtenhelmer, Armstrong; George Harold Galbraith, Vernon.

Okanagan Central—Reginald Foote, Vernon.

Okanagan South—Morrison Fish, Penticton.

Revelstoke—David Sturdy, Revelstoke.

Thompson Valley—Robert Eustace Lee, Kamloops; Maxwell Honey, Salmon Arm.

Victoria—Robert Wallace, William McEwan, Bert Bailey and Maxwell Maynard.

Nanaimo—Elmer Bradshaw, Nanaimo.

New Westminster—Arthur Howarth, Roy Hay and Lawrence Robson.

Fraser Valley—Donald Walton Benedict, Abbottsford; Murray Davie, Ladner.

Vancouver South—Herbert Noble and Clarence Blecroft.

Vancouver East—John Baker, Eburne; Wm. J. Bell, Thos. Donnelly, Joseph Earle, William Stanley and Louis Thompson.

Vancouver West—Arthur Ayling, Fred Higginbotham, Ronald Klinch, Frank Lord; Russell Robinson and Walter Owen.

ONTARIO GREETINGS

THE following telegram has been received for transmission to the Older Boys' Parliament:

"Eighty-six members of the third Older Boys' Parliament of the Province of Ontario send greetings and extend thanks for your kind felicitations.

"By command,

"IRWIN HASKET,

"Provincial Secretary."

This message is in reply to one dispatched by the elected members of the Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia.

OBITUARIES

ROBSON—Service was held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Qaudra Street, on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the late Mrs. Annie Robson. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, of St. John's Church, officiated. The hymn sung was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." There were many friends present and many beautiful floral tributes covered the casket. The remains were forwarded on the midnight boat to Vancouver en route to Mayne Island, where interment will be made in the family plot. Mrs. (Captain) Hunter accompanied the remains.

JOSEPH—The remains of the late Mrs. Mabel Joseph were laid to rest Monday morning. The cortege proceeded from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, to St. Joseph's Church, where mass was said by the Rev. Father John F. Silver at 9 o'clock. The pallbearers were all relatives of the late Mrs. Joseph.

LACOURSIERE—The funeral of Mr. Stephen Lacoursiere, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital last Saturday, took place yesterday afternoon, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 9:30 o'clock, and at 10:30 o'clock Requiem High Mass was sung by the Rev. Father E. M. Scheelen. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, and the many beautiful floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which the young man was held. The pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. Bryant, L. Fagan, W. Walker, H. Rochan, E. Borergoise and E. Buckle. Interment was made in the West Saanich Catholic Cemetery.

PRIOR—The funeral of Mr. Henry Augustus Prior, who passed away last Saturday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, of 1022 Balmoral Road, will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, January 2, at 3:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate, and the remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery. The late Mr. Prior was born in London, England, in 1838, and had been a resident of this city for the past twenty years.

AMBLER—Service over the remains of Miss Susie Ambler was conducted yesterday afternoon in the B.C. Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Dr. Sipprell in the presence of many friends. The hymns sung were "Rock of Ages," and "Lead, Kindly Light." The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. T. Knott, J. H. Baker, E. W. Whittington, D. T. Ballantyne, A. Wilson and A. Lee. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

KEAPPOCK—The funeral of Mrs. Maria Keappock will take place on Wednesday morning from the B.C. Funeral Chapel at 8:45 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

JACKSON—The death occurred at the family residence, 619 Avalon Road, on Monday afternoon, of Mrs. Elizabeth Marion Jackson, the beloved wife of Frederick A. Jackson, aged forty-nine years, born in Victoria, B.C. Deceased had resided in this city all her life. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, one daughter, Miss Katie M. Jackson; one son, W. H. Jackson; a sister, Mrs. F. S. Widdowson; also four brothers, William, Robert, Walter, and James Lorimer, all residing in this city. The remains are reposing at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, from whence the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, January 3, 1924, at 3:15 o'clock. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Report Denied

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Vatican today issued a denial of published reports on its intention to establish a wireless broadcasting station.

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Rumored Appointment To Supreme Court

QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—An Ottawa special here says that Eugene Lafleur, K.C., of Montreal, is to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, to replace Hon. L. P. Brodeur, according to a report current in semi-official circles. With this report was another one that the new judge might become immediately Chief Justice through the resignation of Sir Louis Davis or that at least he would occupy this post within a few months.

WOULD EXEMPT NEW BUILDINGS

Alderman E. S. Woodward Will Try to Have Improvement Tax Kept Off New Structures for Period

SAYS IT WOULD CUT OUT WORST EVIL

Wading Pool in Beacon Hill Park Is Another Project That the Alderman Is to Back This Year

EARLY this year Alderman E. S. Woodward will sponsor an attempt to have exemption from improvements granted all new buildings for a period of fifteen to twenty years.

"I believe," said the alderman to The Colonist yesterday, "that if new structures are exempted in this way that the most harmful effect of the improvement tax, that of deterring people from building, will be removed.

"Personally, I would like to see the improvement tax removed. However, if this cannot be brought about, I would like to see it kept off new buildings. This is done in New York City. The plan is simply one of offering concessions to encourage construction just as a city offers concessions to encourage establishment of industries. As to the period of exemption, I will try to make it as long as possible. I am not opposed to making the exemption retroactive to cover buildings erected since the time of the imposition of the improvement tax, if that is thought most equitable. It should not be forgotten that most of the large office buildings in Victoria did not pay improvement tax for about the first ten years of their existence."

Alderman Woodward's proposal injects some new material into the discussion on the probable fate of the improvement tax this year.

Another scheme which Alderman Woodward intends to advance in 1924 is that of building a wading pool in Beacon Hill Park. He hopes to get the necessary funds from the city, feeling that such an improvement will be a much appreciated one. The wading pool is standard equipment in up-to-date parks, says the alderman. He would make it very shallow, for the use of small children. The water, he points out, would be warmed by the sun.

TELEGRAPHING WAS LUXURY THOSE DAYS

Twenty-Word Message to England Once Cost $200—Mr. F. Blashfield Addresses Gyros

A twenty-word message can now be cabled from British Columbia to Great Britain at a cost of $1.85, while when the cable service across the Atlantic was first inaugurated the charge would have been approximately $200.

These interesting comparative figures were given by Mr. Frank Blashfield, local manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, in an address before the Gyro Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday on the subject of telegraphy.

The speaker traced the development of the telegraph from the first line built between Washington and Baltimore in 1844 over a distance of forty miles, the charges being one-half cent for each character or figure transmitted. Today there are two and a half million miles of telegraph wires on this continent and the systems give employment to nearly a hundred thousand people.

Mr. Blashfield told of the marvellous Multiplex, which allowed four or more messages to be sent simultaneously in each direction over the same circuit and automatically reproduced in type on a blank at the receiving station, ready for delivery. The value of the telegraph in modern life was dwelt upon at some length by the speaker.

Gyro Harold Beckwith gave out appropriate Christmas presents yesterday to members not present on the preceding Monday. A clothier found himself in possession of a brilliant red handkerchief, while a fire insurance agent was presented with a toy fire engine.

The Gyro orchestra, under Gyro Chris Wade, delighted the gathering with several selections.

SEEKS ANOTHER TERM

Councillor Simpson, representing Ward Seven in the Saanich Municipal Council, announced yesterday his intention to stand for another term on the council. Councillor Simpson has served three years on the governing board of the neighboring municipality, missing one year when he was a candidate for the reeveship and was defeated. So far no other candidate has been brought forward by the electors of the seventh ward and it is thought probable that Councillor Simpson will be unopposed.

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When the banquet tendered to Lord Aberdeen, as Governor-General, by a committee of some of Victoria's most influential citizens, and when old Henry Clay, who did the catering, was compelled to sue the whole committee in the Victoria County Court before he could obtain payment?

January Clearance Sale

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ALL COUNCIL MAY SEEK RE-ELECTION

Ten Municipal Offices to Be Filled by Electors in Esquimalt on Saturday, January 19

All members of the Esquimalt Council will likely seek re-election at the polls on Saturday, January 19, and it would not be surprising if a number of new candidates enter the field and seek reeveship, councillorship, school trusteeship or police commissionership honors this month.

Councillors Anderson, Nichol, Dent, Mesher, Pomeroy and Heald are expected to be in the race again, and the majority of these members of the Council have announced their intention of seeking the suffrage of the voters.

While it is anticipated that Reeve Lockley, who is the present head of the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia, will stand again, Esquimalt's chief executive has not yet made any announcement of his plans for the year 1924. No candidate has yet entered the reeveship arena.

Several names have been put forward as councillor possibilities, including those of ex-Councillor Alex. Wilson, Mr. Fancett, and Mr. Walcroft, the latter being a candidate at last year's Esquimalt municipal elections. Mr. George J. Cook, who has unsuccessfully run for practically all offices in the gift of the municipality, may be persuaded to enter the lists again.

Three vacancies occur at this time on the School Board, the retiring trustees being Major Mulcahy and Mrs. Isbister. The one-year term for which Mr. Bert Mantrop was elected to the Board last January expires this month, but Mr. Mantrop, on account of leaving the district, recently resigned, and his seat has since remained unfilled.

Neither Major Mulcahy nor Mrs. Isbister would make any announcement when questioned last night as to whether they would seek re-election.

Police Commissioner Thomas Hadfield's two-year term as police commissioner concludes this month, and it is likely he will again be a candidate for that office.

Nominations for municipal posts in Esquimalt will be received on Monday, January 14, from noon until 2 p.m. by Returning Officer J. R. Collister, at the Sailors' Club. Voting will take place on the following Saturday, January 19, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., those residing in Section One exercising the franchise at the Sailors' Club, while the voters in Section Two will mark their ballots at the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower Roads.

Found Dead

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Julius Huxtable, chartered accountant, was found at the home of a friend this morning with a bullet wound in the head. He died later in the hospital. A revolver was found by his side.

RUMOR OF RAILROAD

An interesting rumor is current in local business circles purporting to have emanated from an authentic source, to the effect that the Premier Gold Mining Company intend, first thing in the Spring, to commence the construction of a railway from tidewater, just south of the mouth of Salmon River, to their contemplated new 1,000-ton mill on the east bank of Cascade Creek, says the latest copy of the Portland Canal News.

Just what foundation there is for this report, the News is not in a position to say, for it came in too late to be authenticated, but in view of the fact that the Premier is known to be contemplating the construction of large reduction works at or near the portal of the long tunnel, commenced last Summer from 13-mile, it would appear that the logical manner for handling the product of such mill would be the construction of a railway. Therefore the story is reported, as its necessity makes it appear to be founded on fact.

The coast line of Australia is over 13,000 miles in length.

The New Year 1924

Here's a health to the many new friends
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CANADIAN GARRISON ARTILLERY

The officers of the 5th Regiment, C.G.A., will receive on New Year's Day in their mess rooms at the Armories from 4 to 6 p.m.

MR. BOWSER WILL SPEAK

Conservative Leader Opens Campaign in Vancouver Against Provincial Party Charges

Mr. W. J. Bowser, K.C., Conservative leader in the Province, leaves tonight for Vancouver, where, on Friday evening, he will speak before a meeting of the Mount Pleasant Conservative Association. With him at that gathering will be Hon. H. H. Stevens and General Clark, the latter the Federal Conservative representative for Vancouver South. It is the purpose of the Opposition leader to hold a series of meetings in and about Vancouver during the coming month, and he will deal chiefly with the charges which the official organ of the new Provincial party has been making against him in connection with P.G.E. affairs, and outline the work of the Conservative Opposition at the recent legislative session.

THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH

The members of the regiment will be at home in their respective messes on New Year's Day from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The commanding officer will be present in the officers' mess from 4 p.m.

City and District

Service Today—This morning, at eleven o'clock, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, there will be a special New Year morning service.

Luncheon Postponed—The usual fortnightly luncheon of the members of the Real Estate Board has been postponed to Wednesday, January 9.

Officers' At Home—Officers of the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish, will be at home at the Mess at the Armories from 3 to 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mail Delivery—There will be a mail delivery by carrier this morning. The stamp and money order wickets at the postoffice will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The lobby will be open as on week days.

Patients Extend Thanks—Patients of McBride Ward, Jubilee Hospital, wish to thank the different societies and ladies for their kindness and presents received during the holiday season and also wish The Colonist every success and a prosperous New Year.

Postpone Dance — The regular monthly dance of the Elks Amateur Swimming Club, which is usually conducted on the first Wednesday of each month, will not be held next Wednesday night, January 2, but will take place on the Wednesday night of the following week, January 9, in the Elks Hall, Douglas Street.

Liberal Whip Arrives—Mr. J. A. Buckham, chief Liberal whip in the Provincial Legislature, reached the city yesterday morning from Golden, where he spent Christmas with his family, and conferred with members of the Government. He will remain in the city for a day or two before returning to his constituency of Columbia.

Goes to Ottawa—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, leaves tomorrow for Ottawa to attend the conference of provincial ministers and forestry heads, called by the Minister of the Interior, to deal with problems of forest protection and conservation. The minister will be absent about a month. He will be accompanied by Chief Forester Caverhill.

At Parliament Buildings—It was an off day around the Legislative buildings yesterday, but a skeleton crew of officials were on hand to carry on what business developed. The Premier and ministers were on hand in the morning, but most of them had disappeared in the afternoon, and to all intents and purposes the day might as well have been a general holiday.

Street Car Service—The B. C. Electric Railway Company today will follow the same arrangements as far as its street car service is concerned as were in force on Christmas Day. In the city the service will not start until nine o'clock in the forenoon. At night, however, the company will continue the service up to the regular hours observed on week days. As far as the interurban service is concerned it will be the same as on Sundays.

Windy Weather Contagious — The "de luxe" Japanese passenger of the steamship President Jackson, who was charged in yesterday's afternoon paper with being a trafficker in drugs, was given his liberty after an investigation held yesterday by the local immigration authorities and absolved of any charge. Analysis of the contents of the alleged dope and needle case" found in one of his pockets disclosed the fact that no narcotic drugs were present. The owner explained, through an interpreter, that he had served with the Red Cross of the Japanese army and took the hypodermic injections of medicine found in the case on the authority of a physician. He claimed that the medicine contained no drug of a narcotic nature, and his statement was verified by Dr. Miller, who made an analysis.

Cold Weather Fires—Three fires yesterday up to 9 o'clock in the evening and four fires on Sunday gave ample proof of the fact that the weather is anything but consistent with claims for the existence of a Vancouver Island banana belt. Fortunately none of the seven fires reported were serious, but they gave members of the local fire department plenty of exercise. The first alarm came in at 10:20 yesterday morning from 3170 Graham Street, where a stove had exploded. The damage was slight. At 10:44 o'clock in the morning the department was called to 644 Speed Avenue to extinguish a roof fire. Small damage was done. At 4:46 o'clock yesterday afternoon a chimney fire was extinguished at 1723 Government Street. The four fires of Sunday were all small, $50 covering the damage done in all of them.

MR. DITCHBURN NAMED INDIAN COMMISSIONER

Head of Indian Department in Province Receives Promotion on Eve of New Year

Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, chief inspector of Indian agencies in British Columbia since 1917, has been named Indian commissioner for the Province, according to notification received by Mr. Ditchburn yesterday from Dr. Duncan C. Scott, deputy superintendent-general of Indian affairs, Ottawa. The appointment is retroactive to April 1, 1923.

Mr. Ditchburn has been connected with Indian matters on the coast for the past thirteen years. It was in 1910 that he joined the department as inspector of southwestern agencies, the Province then being divided into three inspectorates. In 1917, when the policy was changed, Mr. Ditchburn was made chief inspector. For some time past he had been virtually acting commissioner, carrying the burdens of that position, so that the appointment yesterday came somewhat in the nature of formal recognition of his status.

Dr. Scott, in wiring Mr. Ditchburn of his promotion, said it was a pleasure to him "to be able to send you this information on the threshold of the new year."

NEW YEAR SEES CITY ON RISING FLOOD OF RENEWED OPTIMISM

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Two New Coast Steamers

Other economic signs and portents include the fact that this year the Coast steamship service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will let contracts for the building of two ferry steamships, to be the finest operating on the Pacific Coast, and to have their headquarters, with their sister vessels, in this city. There is to be an extention of the motorcar ferry service between Victoria and points on the Canadian and American mainland, notably to Port Angeles.

Bank clearings were higher for 1923 than for 1922; building permits for last year showed a real, if slight, increase upon the preceding year; the new ferry building of the C.P.R. is under construction; two new bank buildings are nearing completion; the tide of emigration to the south has long since turned the flood; retailers see no reason to curtail their commitments for the coming year—in short, Victoria in 1924 is to renew her youth and once more to confound her critics.

Amusement Centre Assured

Of all these grounds for confidence in Victoria's future in the coming year, none is more fixed in the public mind than the proposed Amusement Centre. The result of the recent plebiscite, which in the last days of the Old Year confirmed the City Council-Canadian Pacific agreement by a vote in the affirmative of eight to one, is evidence that Victorians have not lost faith in the future of the city; and that they are willing to back with their money and actively support the business prescience of a corporation which is answerable for its faith with its works.

It is to be noted that the agreement confirmed by the popular vote calls for construction within the current year While the formal terms of the contract do not require the company to begin building operations until the Fall of the year, it is a matter of general knowledge that the dog days of next July will see excavation on the old Stadium site. The credit of one of the greatest organizations in the modern world of industry and finance is pledged to the success of a scheme which will give to Victoria a centre of recreation unique on this coast or in this Dominion. The details of the proposed Amusement Centre are such as to make it certain that the completed structure will not alone constitute a permanent improvement of the city, but will serve as an added attraction to the increasing tide of tourists to Victoria. There is to be a great salt-water swimming pool, an auditorium second to none in Canada, and gardens and pleasances on a scale worthy of the general scheme.

Victoria As Grain Port

While the Amusement Centre, as an assured future asset of Victoria, has pride of place in the year's forecast, the prospect of making the senior port of Pacific Canada a great entrepot and distributing point for the grain products of the Western Prairies is such as to start the imagination of Victorians along the traditional path of Empire. The known facts as to the possibilities in this respect are such as to warrant the largest hopes. It is known that Victoria is in a position to meet the economic competition of Vancouver, New Westminster and Prince Rupert; and it is further known that there is enough and to spare of such trade for all these outlets of Pacific Canada.

Sir Henry Thornton has given his expert and considered opinion that Victoria should participate in the incalculable development which is surely to come of the expanding grain trade on this coast. The Chamber of Commerce and all its voluntary associate organizations are in touch with the practical requirements of this project. It is likely that during the present year the citizens of Victoria will be called upon to support ambitious schemes, which will have for their object the establishment of this port as one of the major grain distributing centres of the Pacific Ocean.

Esquimalt Drydock

A powerful impetus to such development of the port of Victoria will come this year with the completion of the Government drydock, at Esquimalt. The drydock, one of the largest in the world, and far more than equal to the reception of any ship, either built or contemplated, cannot fail to attract to the port of Victoria an increasing flow of shipping. In these affairs it is one circumstance which creates another; and it can scarcely fail to be that the completion of the great dock will mark the beginning of a new shipping trade out of this port

A lumber assembly plant at the Ogden Point wharves is another project decreed by the logic of events. While some things industrial are achieved by taking thought about them, there are more that arrive out of sheer economic necessity. Victoria has grown hardened to the gibe that it is out of the moving tide of commerce; but those of her citizens who have retained the geographic sense have not forgotten that sea vantage is finally as conclusive in trade as land vantage; and that Victoria possesses strategic points of superiority as a seaport over all her rivals of the Pacific Northwest. The rising tide of export trade in the timber products of Vancouver Island is forcing upon the trade the consideration of this port as the logical assembly plant for the growing lumber trade of the West Coast; and recent resolutions by representatives of the lumber interest here point to the probability that 1924 will see the Outer Wharves busy in the shipping of coal, lumber and grain.

Good Times Coming

With these prospects, some of which have been no more than mentioned, and none of which have been developed in full explanation, Victoria faces the New Year with greater hope and courage than has been possible since the Great War made a mockery of all economic forecast, and obstructed or destroyed all existing channels of trade and commerce And as far as all prosperity is the product of a state of mind, Victoria, this year, has laid its industrial and commercial foundations in confidence. The talk on the street, in the store, in the business office, is that times are mending, that things are looking up, that 1924 is to be a good year, that Victoria is coming into its own again.

Ex-Crown Attorney Dead

WHITBY, Dec. 31.—Colonel J. E. Farewell, K.C., 84, Crown Attorney of Ontario County for 49 years, died at Oshawa Saturday. In November he sustained three fractured ribs and a broken breastbone in an automobile accident. Despite these injuries he was able to appear in the sessions here two weeks ago. He leaves no family.

Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

Mayor Hayward was slightly indisposed yesterday and, consequently, did not attend the City Council meeting yesterday afternoon. Alderman Todd presided in his absence.

The difficulties of discussing the licence fees for branch banks are realized by the City Council. After branch banks had become branch banks, banks branch, and brank banches it was conceded that the sooner a vote on the question was taken the better.

That the Court of Revision had altered the assessment on the Empress Hotel property this year was flatly denied by Alderman Leeming at yesterday's Council meeting in answering a charge made in a circular issued against the Amusement Centre project. The court had not considered the hotel assessment, either when revising the 1923 or the 1924 roll, he declared.

The by-law amending the trades licence by-law was given final passing yesterday. The only new change decided on in addition to those agreed to at the previous Council meeting was the increasing of the fee for each department of a department store to $35 instead of the $30 set at the previous meeting. The latest revisions of the licence fees was carried out without the Council being waited upon by a single delegation, in marked contrast with the last occasion.

Fire Chief Vernon Stewart informed the City Council by letter yesterday afternoon that as the result of the enactment at the last session of the Provincial Legislature of a law providing that firemen shall have one day off in seven, nine more men were required on his force. Alderman Todd referred to the fact that the Victoria members had failed to comply with the Council's request to have the city's name kept out of the bill. Alderman Woodward expressed the opinion that by rearrangement, the fire chief could carry on without any additional men. Victoria was already overstaffed to the extent of ten men in comparison with other cities, declared Alderman Gillespie. It was finally decided to send on to the 1924 Council the data concerning the whole matter and to write to the city's members and inform them that no reply had been received from them in regard to the Council's request concerning the firemen's bill.

Alderman Woodward asked the Council at yesterday's meeting to vote that the $1,000 Lorenz murder reward be paid in the same way as the judge had decreed in connection with that of the Provincial Government. However, it was discovered that no provision had been made in the estimates for this amount, and so it was decided to recommend the payment favorably to the 1924 Council.

The safety gates are now being installed on the Johnson Street bridge.

Investigation into some of the bonds of city officials by City Solicitor Pringle, following the failure of Saanich to collect fully on that of its former clerk, has disclosed the fact that in several instances the conditions are no more favorable to the city than in the case of the adjoining municipality, the bonding company agreeing to recompense only for defalcations taking place within a certain limited time of the date on which the bonding company is notified. It has been suggested that a standing bond be approved by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

COLWOOD KILLER IS STILL AT LARGE

RUMORS OF ARREST MADE ARE DENIED BY POLICE

Pang Joe Lim Seen Alive at 6 o'Clock the Evening of December Twenty-First

The murderer of Pang Joe Lim, Colwood truck-gardener, whose mutilated body was discovered lying on the floor in his modest cottage surrounded with a litter of kindling wood, and near a blood-stained axe, last Wednesday night, is still at large, and, according to late reports from the Provincial Police who are conducting the investigation, the identity of the killer had not been established.

Reports were current yesterday afternoon that an arrest had been made in connection with the murder, but absolute denial was made by the police.

It has been definitely ascertained that Pang Joe Lim was alive and at his cottage at 6 o'clock on Friday night, December 21. Mr. John McKay, a farmer of Happy Valley, told the police yesterday that he had passed the Lim house, situated some thirty yards from the Island Highway, at 6 o'clock on Friday, and he had seen Pang Joe Lim cutting wood with an axe near the doorway of his home. A lamp had been placed within the building, and the Chinaman was wielding the axe in the glow from the doorway. Some days later, on the following Wednesday when the dead body of Pang Joe Lim was discovered, the lamp was found lying on the ground outside the cottage.

From the evidence produced at the inquest held last Saturday morning in Victoria, when the results of a post-mortem examination were given, and from the state of the interior of the low-ceilinged room in which Pang Joe Lim's body was found, the aged Chinaman did not give up his life easily. The rafters of the ceiling, a lean-to affair built against the main structure, contained nicks which the police think were caused by the sharp edge of the double-bitted axe striking against them as the murderer swung the terrible weapon against his victim.

WELCOMES VISITING FRENCH BATTLESHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—San Francisco officially welcomed Captain de Saint Salvy and crew of the French warship Jeanne d'Arc with ceremonies staged in the rotunda of the City Hall.

Uncle Sam's navy lads and a marine band from Mare Island joined with members of the French colony in escorting the French sailors up Market Street to the scene of the exercises. Leading the procession was a squadron of mounted police.

All along the line of march the officers and men were greeted by glimpses of their beloved tri-color, and the marine band made them feel welcome by playing French martial airs.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 31, 1923.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains high over Northern British Columbia, and clear, cold weather prevails from the Coast to Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	14	26
Vancouver	12	24
Kamloops	14b	8b
Barkerville	24b	14b
Prince Rupert	12	24
Estevan	20	34
Calgary, Alta.	34b	8b
Winnipeg, Man.	14b	12b
Portland, Ore.	26	34
San Francisco, Cal.	42	50
Seattle, Wash.	20	28
Penticton	2	4
Grand Forks	10b	4b
Nelson	2b	8
Kaslo	1	10
Cranbrook	32b	21b
Edmonton, Alta.	20b	6b
Prince Albert, Sask.	24b	6b

SUNDAY

Maximum	33
Minimum	17
Average	25
Minimum on the grass	16

Bright sunshine, 3 hours, 18 minutes.
Snow, trace.
General state of the weather, cloudy.

MONDAY

Maximum	26
Minimum	18
Average	22
Minimum on the grass	12

Bright sunshine, 7 hours, 42 minutes.
General state of the weather, cloudy.

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Sunshine of Mine—Fox Trot ..... Charles Dornberger and His Orchestra
19165 Old-Fashioned Love—Fox Trot ..... Arthur Gibbs and His Gang
Charleston—Medley Fox Trot ..... Arthur Gibbs and His Gang
19174 Broken-Hearted Melody—Waltz ..... The Troubadours
The Waltz of Long Ago—Medley Waltz ..... The Troubadours
19186 Midnight Rose (Tenor with Orchestra) ..... Henry Burr
Every Night I Cry Myself to Sleep Over You (Tenor with Orchestra) (Saxophone by Rudy Wiedoeft) ..... Henry Burr
19188 What Do You Do Sunday, Mary? (From the Musical Comedy "Poppy") ..... American Quartette
Oh! How She Lied to Me (Comic Duet with Orchestra) ..... Billy Murray-Ed. Smalle
19181 You Can't Make a Fool Out of Me (Tenor with Orchestra) ..... Henry Burr
Pal of My Dreams (Tenor with Orchestra) ..... Charles Hart
19146 Pinin' Just For You (Contralto with Orchestra) ..... Claire Brookhurst
Sweet Thoughts of Home (Contralto with Orchestra) ..... Claire Brookhurst
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FOX FARMING IS SUCCESSFUL HERE

Mr. Gordon, of Hudson's Bay Store, Holds Optimistic Views for Raising Valuable Fur-Bearing Animals on Vancouver Island—Two Magnificent Pelts Are Now on Display Here

THE Hudson's Bay Company has on display three exceptionally fine silver fox scarves made from foxes born and raised on Vancouver Island.

The animals from which the pelts were taken were born last March on Mr. Morrison's fox ranch at Royal Oak. When speaking to Mr. Gordon, the manager of the fur department at the Hudson's Bay, about the possibilities of fox farming here, he stated that a year ago he was rather skeptical, but now that he has visited some of the ranches and seen some of the young grown to maturity he believes that there is no finer place in Canada for raising these valuable fur-bearing animals.

The animals born last Spring have not only developed to a large size, but have deep, full fur of a fine texture and are just as prime as those raised in the colder climates. Speaking of the advantage Vancouver Island offers over the colder parts of Canada, Mr. Gordon stated that whereas on the Prairies and Eastern Canada during the months of March and April they frequently have extremely cold, stormy weather that kills off a number of the newly-born foxes, here the weather is much milder. One rancher from the Prairies told Mr. Gordon that he considered himself lucky if he raised half the young ones, while those who have started fox farming here have lost none through this cause. Then again the fine, cool Summers here are much less severe on the young than the extreme heat of the Central West and East, so that here foxes are easier to raise and fur up much sooner. In addition, the Coast is free from heavy snowfalls, which makes it easier to keep the pens and runways clean during Winter. This lessens the labor of caring for the animals, which means lower operating costs. Food is also cheap and easy to procure here.

Mr. Gordon is confident that when the ranchers from other parts of Canada learn of the success of the experiment in this vicinity many of them will move to Vancouver Island. In fact, already a number of local people have stated their intention of going into the business so that before long Vancouver Island will have another lucrative industry.

WINTER TOURISTS TO BE ENTERTAINED

WEEKLY CONCERTS AND DANCES ARRANGED FOR VISITORS

Chamber of Commerce to Become "Amusement Centre" for Folk Wintering Here

Entertainments for prairie visitors to the city, inaugurated last year with gratifying success, will again be held this Winter by the Chamber of Commerce. The first will be held on Wednesday, January 9, in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. On every Wednesday thereafter there will be a function of some description, either concert or dance, or concert and dance both, for the same purpose. Although their primary aim will be for the amusement of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta people, who form the majority of guests here at this time of year, a warm welcome will be given thereat to any visitors to the city, irrespective of their place of origin.

Last year the chamber adopted the policy of throwing the functions open to all Victorians included. Discovering, however, as the Winter wore on that this was a mistaken procedure, as local people flocked in such numbers to the Wednesday night "amusement centre" that outside visitors were outnumbered at times, this Winter the aim is to confine the entertainment to strangers, to the exclusion of Victorians, as, after all, the main purpose of the chamber is to furnish amusement and a common meeting place to the visitors, thereby adding to the pleasure of their visit to the city and going some way towards inducing them to come back again. Prairie folk with friends here, however, will be able to bring the latter along.

As last year, the functions will be assisted by the Kiwanis, Gyro, Rotary and One Hundred Per Cent clubs, and by the Elks and the Moose. They will be managed directly by the tourist trade group of the chamber, under the chairmanship of Mr. D. W. Campbell. Others on the committee are Messrs. Fred Butterfield, J. O. Dunford and Frank Blashfield.

ENTERTAINMENTS AT LADYSMITH

LADYSMITH, Dec. 30. — Last Thursday the St. John's Lodge, No. 21, met for the purpose of electing officers. A banquet was served in the K. of P. Hall afterwards. Songs, recitations and speeches were rendered by several members of the order.

A most successful social evening and whist drive were given in the Oyster District School December 27. Mrs. Schofield carried off the ladies' first prize and Miss Russel the second. The winner of the first gentlemen's prize was Mr. Bryant, and the second, Mr. Newcomb. Miss Russel, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Searle delighted their audiences with songs, while Mr. Russel gave a much enjoyed violin solo.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent at the Christmas tree last Thursday night. As well as receiving gifts the children brought hampers of goodies for Christmas cheer.

The Diamond Sunday School children spent a very happy and jolly evening at their Christmas treat last Thursday in Smith's Hall.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

LADYSMITH, Dec. 30.—The death of Mr. W. Seccord, a former resident of Ladysmith, occurred in Vancouver on Christmas day. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a widow and two children.

Unfortunate Accident

SASKATOON, Dec. 31. — While drilling children of his Sunday school in a New Year's pantomime, "Puss in Boots," at the town hall, Yorkton, Saturday, Rev. W. B. Parrott, Anglican minister, fell backwards over a banister and down twelve steps. He was severely injured.

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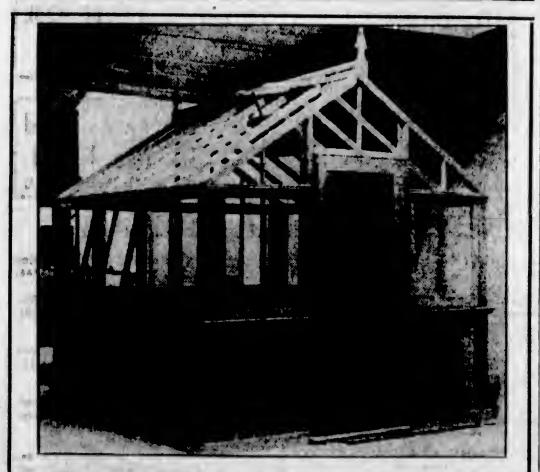

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WELCOME FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM

Victoria Real Estate Men Confident That Year 1924 Will Be Brighter and More Prosperous Than Previous

BOARD HEAD PREDICTS BIG INFLOW OF PEOPLE

Revival in Business Conditions Is Predicted—Local Realtors Stress Great Value of Amusement Centre

EXPRESSING confidence that the year 1924 will be a brighter and happier one than the twelve months that terminated last night, and the strong expectancy that much more business will be transacted during the New Year than was accomplished in 1923, leaders in the real estate life of the community, when interviewed yesterday by a Colonist representative, frankly gave their opinions on the business of the past and the outlook for the future.

Mr. Alfred Carmichael, president of the Real Estate Board of Victoria, stated that he looked forward to 1924 as being a better year than the one just closed, and 1925 will witness, he predicted, such an increase in business that all the commercial men, and especially those in the building trade, will be very active.

"Naturally," Mr. Carmichael went on, "I believe that the building of the now assured Crystal Garden at the rear of the Empress Hotel is going to have a healthy influence on property values not only in that vicinity but throughout the city, and it will not be surprising to hear of plans for the erection of several apartment houses in the near future.

Effects of Advertising

"The cumulative effect of past advertising is now being felt, and with the impetus which will be given by the enormous advertising the C.P.R. is bound to give the Crystal Gardens, we can expect an unprecedented inflow of people to Victoria, not only for the Summer months but also in the Winter, for when the Crystal Gardens are completed we will have a garden of dreams, a place of Summer airs, of sweet scents and lovely scenes, and strains of good music with which to delight our guests. This is what we have required and now we are to have it.

"There are many other causes for sane optimism and belief in the steady improvement in business, but at the moment the construction of the Crystal Gardens is uppermost in one's thoughts.

Tells What Can Be Done

"As an example of what can be achieved when every interest pulls together, the passing of the by-law on Saturday is hard to surpass. It shows that Victoria can achive her destiny in our own day, and become the greatest home and pleasure city on the Pacific Northwest. To this great end the real estate man will do his part.

"Members of the Real Estate Board are happier in looking forward to the future than reviewing the past, because the future is ours, and the past is beyond recall. However, it can be recorded to the credit of the year just passed that no real estate offices in Victoria have closed their doors, every office finding in the diversity of the business which produces a month's income sufficient for the needs of the month," concluded Mr. Carmichael.

Predicts Prosperous 1924

Mr. Beaumont Boggs, first president of the Victoria Real Estate Exchange, in speaking to The Colonist said:

"After over thirty-four years' experience of the real estate business on Vancouver Island, I have no hesitation in stating that in my opinion, there has never been a time in the history of Victoria when such justification for a feeling of optimism existed as now.

"The marking time period has been a long one, but the vote of the citizens on Saturday last will certainly result in the order to advance being given. With both railway companies showing their interest in the prosperity of our city, our citizens having confidence in the future, our banks expanding their premises in preparation for more business, our lumber industries fully occupied and a good City Council under one of the best heads the city has ever had, surely Victoria has good reason to expect a prosperous year in 1924. The healthiest, best lighted, best paved and most beautiful city on the American continent cannot be retarded in its progress any longer," declared Mr. Boggs.

Improvement Over 1922

"Answering your request as to my opinion of the real estate market during the year 1923 and a forecast for the year 1924, the former is much easier than the latter," stated Mr. Percy R. Brown, of P. R. Brown & Son.

"The year 1923 has certainly been an improvement over the year 1922 and while sales have been principally those of smaller homes, it goes to show that the would-be home owners have decided it is much better to own their own homes than to be subject to the thirty days' notice to vacate.

"The majority of sales made during the year 1923 have been on the instalment plan, with a substantial cash payment and the balance in monthly instalments. You will also find that in the greater number of cases the purchaser will exceed his payments agreed upon and not one per cent falls down in his agreement. Under these circumstances you are placing a new taxpayer on the list and one who has absolute faith in his city and one who will stint himself in the many luxuries offered to meet his obligations. During the year 1923 we also find that the mortgages represented by us are being placed on a better footing, interest is being paid more promptly and very few if any properties falling in arrears for taxes.

"For the year 1924 I am very optimistic and feel certain we will derive some benefit from the year's work of the Publicity Bureau; in fact during the past month we have received more inquiries from different parts of the world than for the whole of the year 1922, and I cannot help but feel certain that these inquiries, or a portion of them will culminate during the year 1924.

Vacant Homes Reoccupied

"While it may be said that there have been more vacant houses during the year 1923 over 1922 we can easily realize this when, in the majority of cases, it will be found that the vacant houses are principally those occupied by the working men who have found it necessary to migrate in order to find employment, but I feel sure from the inquiries received it will not be long before these will again be taken up. It is also well to bear in mind that rents have not depreciated to the extent which many would imagine.

"During the latter part of 1923 many have returned to Victoria and it would not surprise me if by the Spring of 1924 the greater number of the now vacant houses will be occupied. In my opinion and that of many real estate agents a number of owners of vacant houses fail to recognize the necessity of keeping same in a good state of repair plus a little paint and the sooner this is brought home to them the sooner will Victoria see even more sunshine than is due us.

"All Victoria needs is for one and all of us to become boosters for our own city and to sell it to every visitor, whom we come in contact with, and which would not be difficult for any of us to do who have faith in our own investments and the future of our City of Sunshine," declared Mr. Brown, in conclusion.

Anticipating Revival

Brett & Ker, Limited, in discussing conditions, declared: "While the demand for property during the past year has been very low, we look upon it as a general condition throughout the Canadian West and not local by any means. Present indications point to a decided revival during the coming year. Firstly, on account of improving business on the Prairies, and secondly, by a return of our people from California; also, we may expect results from the city's campaign of world-wide advertising.

"Altogether we feel that the tide of depression in demand for real estate has passed it's low ebb, and that with the coming of the New Year Victoria is entering a period which will prove to be one of progress, prosperity and optimism."

An optimistic note was sounded by Mr. A. R. Wolfenden, manager of the B. C. Land and Investment Agency, who predicted an improvement in business conditions, and looked forward to increased business in the realty market. He stated that he was receiving inquiries from residents of California, who are anxious to make their homes here during the Summer months at least. He believes that a large number of tourists from the Southern cities would greatly assist in renting the vacant houses in the city, while a number of sales of choice homes would likely also be made.

One should never touch an electric switch while he has one hand in contact with a sink or other damp place.

A New Year's Greeting

We take this opportunity of thanking our friends for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed at their hands during the year just closed, and we look forward with confidence to a greater measure of support during the coming year.

Our aim in future, as in the past, will be to serve you with quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices.

We hope that the year 1924 has an increasing measure of happiness and prosperity in store for you all.

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JURY FINDS DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

NANAIMO, Dec. 30. — Coroner Heckling held an inquiry on Saturday afternoon in connection with the death of Mr. Thomas Morgan, who succumbed to injuries received when struck by an automobile driven by Mr. J. R. Emery, on Friday afternoon last, the jury returning the following verdict after listening to the evidence submitted:

"We, your jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Thomas Morgan, find from the evidence submitted that the deceased came to his death by being knocked down by a Ford car driven by Joseph Emery, on Friday, December 28, 1923, in front of the City Fire Hall, Victoria Crescant, Nanaimo, B.C., and which resulted in his death on December 29, and we are of the opinion that the accident was unavoidable."

The late Mr. Morgan was one of the oldest members of Ashlar Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of this city, and attended the services in connection with the dedication of the new temple recently built here, on Thursday last. The funeral will be held under Masonic auspices, and will take place from the family residence, Nicol Street, this afternoon at 2:30, Rev. S. Ryall officiating.

YEAR'S END BRINGS NANAIMO WEDDINGS

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Whyte, Departure Bay, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, December 29, when Miss Rose Wall, R.N., formerly of the Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., daughter of Mr. W. H. Wall, of Nanaimo, became the bride of Mr. Alexander McRae, of Prince Rupert. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Welch, of Nanaimo.

The bride entered the drawing-room on the arm of her father, wearing a navy blue tailored suit and navy hat with metallic trimmings, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss Elsie Collis, R. N., of Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, who wore a brown silk crepe gown with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. Little Miss Lillian Mae Randle, niece of the bride, was flower girl, wearing a pink accordion-pleated crepe de Chine dress, and hat of pink georgette with pink streamers, and carried a basket of pink carnations. Mr. Wm. Whyte, of Cumberland, B.C., accompanied the groom. Mr. and Mrs. McRae are spending the honeymoon in Victoria and Sound cities, after which they will return to Prince Rupert to make their future home.

An early morning wedding was solemnized at St. Andrew's manse Saturday, when the Rev. D. Lister united in marriage Mr. John Crowther, of Lantzville, and Miss Jeanette Teague, South Wellington, the witnesses to the ceremony being Mr. Wm. Phillips, of Chase River, and Miss Hannah Slaughter, of Nanaimo. The happy couple left on a wedding tour to Victoria, and upon their return will take up their residence at South Wellington.

Garage Staff Makes Merry at Year's End

DUNCAN, Dec. 29.—The chief event of the year for the Duncan Garage, Limited, staff took place at the Tea Kettle Inn here on Thursday night, in the form of their annual dinner. Out of a staff of thirty-four there were only five absentees. After several humorous and unrehearsed efforts on the part of the junior members and three extremely hearty cheers for Duncan Garage, Limited, the gathering broke up.

NANAIMO THEATRE CHANGE

NANAIMO, Dec. 31.—The theatre interests in the Nanaimo Opera House, the pioneer place of amusement in the city, were today taken over by the First National Exhibitors, owners of the Royal Victoria Theatre, Victoria; Strand Theatre, Vancouver, and a string of first-class places of amusement throughout the Dominion. It is the intention of the new management, as soon as the weather is favorable, to remodel the building, which will be made to compare with other theatres controlled by them.

Mr. M. H. McDonald, the present lessee of the Opera House, will continue to act as manager of the local theatre, and will also retain an interest in the company.

On his 72rd birthday Mark Twain received a beautiful carved mantel from the Hawaiian Islands for his new billiard-room.

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Social Events

Seattle Visitors

Miss Eugenia Fuller and Mr. Richard Fuller, of Seattle, are spending a few days in this city, having come over to attend the dance given last night by Mr. and Mrs. Yarrow, and during their visit here they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, "Mountjoy."

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Dinner Hostess

Prior to attending the Yacht Club ball last night, Mrs. L. A. Genge entertained at dinner at her home on Vancouver Street, when her guests included Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Koop, Miss Dorothy Holt, Miss Betsy Kirk, Mr. Ruddleston, Mr. Alex. MacPhillips and Mr. Harold Holt.

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Mah Jong Club

Mrs. Chas. Rhodes was hostess to the members of the Mah Jong Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Terrace Avenue, when the players included Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Gowand, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. Macan.

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Return to South

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Evlin and little twin daughters, accompanied by their nurse, have returned to Southern California for a short time. Mrs. Elvin has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, 349 Foul Bay Road, for the past two months.

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Leave for Home

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Miss Maud Scott are leaving Victoria today for their home at Ganges, Salt Spring Island, after having spent the past few days in Victoria. Miss Scott returned to this city about two weeks ago from Los Angeles.

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Lieut.-Governor Is Leaving Tomorrow On European Trip

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is leaving on Wednesday afternoon by the 2:15 boat for New York, intending to sail on the steamship Empress of Scotland on January 14 for Europe and a cruise round the Mediterranean. Mrs. Nichol will join His Honor at Gibraltar, and later on they will be joined by their daughter, Marsaquita, who will return with them when they come back to Victoria in May.

Here From Seattle

Mrs. Clarence Agnew and her daughter, who have been the house guests of Miss Agnew, "Schuhum," Rockland Avenue, for the past two weeks, will return after the New Year to their home in Seattle.

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Thanks for Messages

Mrs. F. V. Longstaff wishes to thank the many kind friends who have sent messages, enquiries and flowers for Mrs. McCulloch, and hopes in due course to be able to thank everyone personally.

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Makes Recovery

The many friends of Mrs. Angus Campbell will be delighted to hear that she is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from the recent serious operation she underwent at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Hosts at Dance

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow entertained at a dance last night at their home on Foul Bay Road. The rooms were prettily decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, and about thirty guests were present.

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Leaves for Britannia Beach

Mr. Bert Lane left on Saturday's boat en route to Britannia Beach, after having spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Lane, Pendergast Street.

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Returns to Empress

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil French have returned from spending Christmas at the Hotel Davenport, Spokane. They are accompanied to the Empress Hotel by Major D. French, of London.

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Hosts at Dinner

Last evening, prior to attending the New Year's Eve ball, the officers of Work Point Barracks entertained at dinner. Covers were laid for twenty-six.

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Returns to Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corning have returned from the West Coast to Victoria, where they will make their future home. At present they are residing at Sidney Inlet.

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Government House

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will receive this afternoon at Government House between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

LADYSMITH

Services Acknowledged

Mr. Wm. Wilson was the recipient of a beautiful fountain pen and gold pencil case, presented to him by members of the band. For the past few years he has taken great interest in the band and striven to advance it.

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Visit Daughters

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Loyd visited their daughters, who are training in the Jubilee Hospital.

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With Victoria Friends

Mayor and Mrs. Walkem left Sunday to spend New Year in Victoria with friends.

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At Maple Bay

Mr. and Mrs. Glen spent their Christmas at Quaint Corner, Maple Bay.

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Holiday Visit

Mr. Bob Davidson was visiting here for a few days.

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At Chemainus

Mrs. and Miss Hill spent Christmas with Mrs. Halhed at Chemainus.

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Vancouver Visit

Mr. McCormick spent a few days in Vancouver.

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Parents as Guests

Mrs. Aikenhead had her mother and father with her for Christmas.

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Holiday at Metchosin

Mr. Cuttress spent Christmas with his uncle and aunt at Metchosin.

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Christmas With Parents

Mr. John Lake spent Christmas with his parents.

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Duncan Visitor

Mr. Gifford, from Duncan, was visiting friends here for Christmas.

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From Victoria

Miss I. Reid was up from Victoria to spend Christmas with her parents.

NANAIMO

Whist Drive

The prize winners at the Oddfellows military whist drive on Saturday evening were as follows: First, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Rothery, Mr. R. M. Beck and Mr. D. McKinnell; second, Mrs. McGirr, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. P. Robinson and Mr. R. Hardy; third, Mrs. Kilbey, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. T. Aitken and Mr. J. McMillan.

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Wedding Anniversary

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ferguson, Machleary Street, on Saturday evening and spent a most pleasant time, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

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School Supervisor

Mr. A. H. Webb, of Cumberland, was in the city yesterday, and will return on Thursday next, to take up his residence, he having been appointed supervisor of the local school, created vacant by the resignation of Mr. E. S. Martin, who has accepted a similar position at Fernie, B. C.

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Return to Alberta

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell-Hethington and family have left for their home in Alberta, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Horne, Albert Street.

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Home From Visit

Mrs. Alex. Gibbons, and daughter, Miss Marjorie, who have been spending the past week with friends in Vancouver, have returned home.

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Vancouver Guests

Mrs. Charles Over and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Vancouver, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Milton Street.

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Nelson Visitor

Miss Janet Currie, of Nelson, B. C., who is attending the B. C. University, Vancouver, is the guest of Mrs. G. A. B. Hall, Machleary Street.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School was held on Friday evening last in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. A cantata, entitled "He Cometh," was rendered by the children, under the leadership of Mr. Fred Parfitt, and in addition several class items were given, including recitations, drills and dialogues. The primary exercises were particularly fine and showed careful training on the part of the teachers, Misses V. Parfitt, D. Waites and L. McDougall. Owen Petticrew, one of the scholars, rendered a cornet solo during the evening. The Sunday School orchestra was also in attendance and played two selections. Previous to the entertainment a banquet was provided for the children under the direction of Mrs. D. L. MacLaurin and the Ladies' Aid. Much credit is due to Mr. R. Chave, superintendent of the Sunday School, and the teachers for the success of the evening. A rousing visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of presents brought a most pleasant evening to a close.

COMING EVENTS

China Mission—The monthly meeting of the China Inland Mission has been postponed from January 1 to January 8 at the Y.M.C.A. at 5 p.m.

Gonzales Chapter—As Tuesday is New Year's Day, the regular monthly meting of the Gonzales Chapter of the I.O.D.E. has been postponed until the second Tuesday fo the month.

Women of Moosheart—The Women of Mooseheart Legion will hold their regular monthly meeting on January 8 instead of the usual first Tuesday in the K. of P. Hall.

Christmas Message—An address on "The Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Christmas message," illustrated by over 75 lantern slides portraying the scriptural and historical position of the church will be given under the auspices of the Men's Society of St. John's Church in the schoolroom on Wednesday next at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Lake Hill Centre—The annual meeting of the Lake Hill Women's Institute will be held on January 3 at 2 p.m. in the Community Hall, Quadra Street. Reports on the year's work and election of officers will take place.

Ward Four Ratepayers' Association will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday, January 2, 1924, at 8 o'clock. Matters of serious importance will be discussed and candidates for municipal office are invited to attend.

Saanich V.O.N.—The attendance of all members and others interested is requested at the annual general meeting of the Saanich local association Victorian Order of Nurses at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Wednesday, January 16, 1924, at eight o'clock.

Women's Progressive Conservative Club—The weekly Military 500 and dance will be held in the Caledonia Hall, View Street, this evening at 8:30. In addition to the 14 scrip prizes there will be 3 turkeys given away. Findler's orchestra will supply the dance music.

Guild of Health—The annual meeting of the Guild of Health will be held on Thursday, January 10, at eight o'clock in the Cathedral schoolroom. An interesting meting is expected, as both the Rev. A. F. Pritchard, of Vancouver, and the Rev. T. E. Rowe will be present to address the meeting.

Hard Times Dance—On Wednesday evening, January 2, a hard times dance will be held in the Strawberry Vale Hall, starting at nine o'clock. Dress for the affair will be hard times or optional. A number of novelties will be introduced. The music for the occasion is being supplied by Ray Kinloch's four-piece orchestra. A special supper will be served by the ladies during the evening.

Esquimalt Institute—The Esquimalt Women's Institute are starting the New Year with a banquet in the Sailors' Club on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The committee in charge are working very hard to give all who attend a good time. A dance will follow the banquet. The music will be supplied by Mrs. Thorne and Fairey's orchestra. Members are requested to apply for reservations at once from the conveners, Mrs. Wise, telephone 4764L, and Mrs. Elton, telephone 3105 Y3.

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ORPHANAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home was held on Friday afternoon. A number of visitors were present, among them being the Rev. W. Carroll, Rev. W. Stevenson, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick and Mr. W. Marchant, who all paid great compliments to the children who entertained by singing and recitations. Santa Claus came, to the joy of the children, distributing the gifts from the large Christmas tree.

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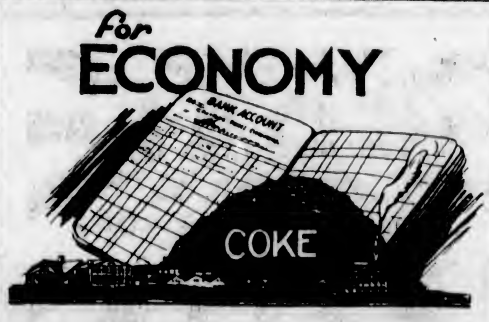

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Looking backward we are grateful for the year's rewards—peering forward we are confident that the good accomplished this year will carry on into 1924. We are thankful alike to those who have been our patrons for many years and those who have come to us of late.

To them all we wish the best that 1924 may offer and that our relations during the next twelve-month may be as pleasant as that which is fast slipping away.

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The Million Dollar Doll

By C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON (Authors of "The Lightning Conductor")

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

Terence Desmond (Terry), exquisite and unbelievable innocent has determined to leave her father.

Terence Desmond, the proprietor of a roadhouse, the Blue Moon. He is moody and selfish, bent on Terry's "bagging" a rich man. He introduces her to

Eustace Nazlo, a wealthy Greek, who falls in love with the girl, and on an auto ride makes unwelcome advances. She escapes from him and goes to

Juliet Divine, the stage name of her beautiful half-sister, known as the "Million Dollar Doll," whom she has not seen for years. "Juliet's" career has been somewhat sketchy, but she has a genuine affection for Terry whom she greatly resembles.

Miles Sheridan, Terry's Dream Prince, furnished the money for Terry's education at a convent when she was a child, partly to atone for a past rudeness of his wife.

Betty Sheridan, who is now making him unhappy with her infidelity.

Hartley Phillips, a member of the Four Hundred, calls on Julia to tell her that Sheridan, in order to facilitate his wife's obtaining a divorce, will pay the Million Dollar Doll twenty thousand dollars to take a yacht trip with him. Except for appearing with her in order to cause talk, he wants to have nothing to do with her.

Terry confesses to Julia that Sheridan has always been her ideal.

INSTALMENT XIX

The First Blow Falls

"You've never seen him since that time when he was at the Blue Moon?" Julia broke in, oddly intrigued by the small sister's story. "He never wrote or turned up at the convent to call?"

"No, never," answered Terry.

"I bet he would, if he'd had an idea how his little protegee was growing up. Let me tell you, my child, you're what that Nazlo man of yours would call some chicken—some peacherino.

"I believe you're better looking than me—if you had the clothes."

"Oh, no!" the girl protested, as if she had heard sacrilege. "Why, Jule, you're the most beautiful thing I ever saw and I—"

"You were always like me, and now we might be two dolls made from the same model," said Julia. "Only this doll is just a wee bit battered. I wouldn't say that to anyone else. And I don't believe anyone's noticed it yet, except myself. Still, there it is.

"This doll's been in the shop window a long time. And that doll—you—is just out of the box, fresh as a new pin. I'm afraid, much as I love you, my kid, I wouldn't want you to go around with me much. I couldn't afford it for my own sake, to say nothing of yours.

"You—you're modelled on more delicate lines—or I've coarsened a bit. You're made of a grade finer porcelain. Your hair curls naturally—sort of marcels itself. Mine always had to be done, and coloring's dried it, so it wouldn't have the sheen if I didn't brilliantine it well. Oh, it's nearly as good as yours to look at. But I know the difference.

"Your mouth and chin are about the sweetest things they's making in that line. The blueness of your eyes—or the green or the grey, which ever it is—gives them that soft look that gets men. Beside you, my dear, your Jule feels as hard as nails and—and as old as sin. I don't like it!"

"And I don't like to hear you say it! Please don't," Terry begged.

"I never will again," Julia promised. "But I'm leading up to something. Now I've begun and I'd better go on. I suppose you came to ask me to let you stay here?"

"I hardly know. I didn't stop to think. I had to get away from Mr. Nazlo, and I thought if I could find you you'd help me."

"So I will—if I can. But it's up to you, kid. You don't want to go back to father?"

"I'm afraid!"

"What are you afraid of, exactly."

"Why—Mr. Nazlo. Father seems to like him. I don't think he'd mind much what Mr. Nazlo did. And then there are crowds of other men who come. I thought Mr. Nazlo was the best of them.

"But if he is—the other—" Terry shivered a little. "They look at me—with looks I don't like. They make me feel—somehow sick."

"You don't need to describe to me the way they look." Julia laughed a hard laugh. "I suppose you didn't learn much—about men—at the convent?"

"Nothing at all," Terry said, with wide eyes.

"Not even from the girls?"

"Oh, they talked when they had a chance—about mashes and crushes, and words like that. But I didn't learn anything. Father's the only man I know, except—Mr. Sheridan. I won't count Mr. Nazlo!"

"And a fat lot you know about Sheridan. But wait. We're coming back to him by-and-bye. The question is now: what's to become of you if I can't keep you with me?"

Terry's pride rose, and, mingling with the pain of rejection, choked her. "I won't go back to father," she heard herself decide, and was faintly surprised at the firm decision.

"I'd—be a servant at the convent if they'd have me, but I'm afraid they won't. Maybe there are things I could do to earn my living in New York. I know French. I can do typing and take dictation, and—"

"Nonsense! At seventeen—with your looks. The wolves would get you before you had time to turn around. I knew how to manage them. You don't. You're a very different proposition from me.

"I wouldn't have minded Nazlo. I'd have snapped at him—as a stepping-stone. He's worth more than Tom Perrin was.

"But, now listen, kid. I couldn't have kept you, anyhow, even if I'd wouldn't have done—for you or for me. As it is, I'm going away. I'm chucking my—career—to get married."

Julia paused for some sign of surprise from Terry. But it did not come. The first blow had already fallen. She couldn't live with Jule. Jule didn't want her.

As for this news, it wasn't strange that Julia should get married. With all the men who must have admired her, it was rather strange that she hadn't married one of them long ago.

"He's a South American," Jule went on, "awfully rich and awfully handsome. He's wild about me. The one trouble is, I have to go and live with him in Buenos Aires."

"Oh!" Terry said. It's like the other end of the world. I don't suppose—" she choked again—"I shall ever see you any more—until I'm old."

"I don't know about that. Manoel says I can come back for a visit often if I like. But I'm not sure I shall like. I expect to be a swell down there. Manoel's in politics.

"I can't take you, because men think two's company and three's a crowd. Besides, he might notice that you're prettier than I am. If I didn't look out for myself nobody else would. So that's that!"

"That that," echoed Terry, drearily.

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The ballroom presented a charming appearance with rose-shaded lights and sprays of ivy and clinging greenery which was effectively used as the decoration. Prof. Lou Turner's orchestra excelled itself with the most attractive programme of dance music, which was heartily appreciated by the dancers, who insisted on numerous encores.

The New Year was enthusiastically welcomed by the guests at supper time, when whistles and other favors from the Christmas crackers were used in the general demonstration of goodwill towards 1924.

After the delicious supper was served in the dining-room, which was crowded to capacity, dancing continued until an early hour this morning.

Among those who were present were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. H. J. Muskett, Hon. John Hart, Mrs. Hart, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Ross, Commander and Mrs. Oland, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corning, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Heisterman, Dr. and Mrs. Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. Hunter, Dr. and Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Justice Martin, Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Umbach, Mrs. McConnan, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Michaelis, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Norman Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Port, Mrs. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glazan, Miss Hilda Langton, Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Dr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. E. D. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup, Mrs. Muskett, Mrs. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Beville Acland, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Kenning, Mrs. Seele, Miss Mowbray, Miss Jane Waters, Miss Casey, Messrs. Vic E. Andrew, of New Westminster; Harry Beach, Jack Clay, Basil Prior, J. Musgrave, Phil Langton, Dr. George Hall and many others.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DANCE IN NEW YEAR

Large Assembly Gathers at Armory for Enjoyable New Year's Eve Ball

Members of the Knights of Pythias, Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, were hosts at a thoroughly enjoyable New Year's Eve dance last night at the Armory, when hundreds of guests assembled to dance in the coming year.

Novelty and moonlight waltzes added much to the charm of the affair, which was excellently arranged by the lodge members. A delicious supper, served under the management of Mr. Andy Hill, was one of the features of the entertainment.

Geard's augmented orchestra supplied the latest in dance music, and was generous with the encores which were clamorously called for by the many guests present.

The success of the ball reflects great credit on the work of the committee in charge, including Messrs. C. Hoskins, J. W. Casey, J. H. Mansell, F. Gregson, J. McAllister, G. W. Allison. C. A. Gregson was at the receipt of customs throughout the evening.

BIG CONTRIBUTIONS

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, at its annual meeting in December heard most encouraging reports from all departments of the work. An increase of membership and larger givings marked the year.

The treasurer's statement showed the total contributions to be $1,251.10, an increase over last year of $207.05.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. W. Mayhew; first vice-president, Mrs. W. G. Wilson; second vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Smith; recording secretary, Miss Curry; treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Billingsby; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Adams.

All the societies are looking forward to the "Presbyterial," which will have three sessions in St. Colombo Church on January 18. A fine programme is being prepared.

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Those Who Come and Go

Mrs. M. Bennett and Mrs. H. L. Lewis, of Nanaimo, are at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. W. Pratt and Mr. K. M. Flett, of Montreal, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cameron and son, of Vancouver, are at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Cecil C. Evans, of Chilliwack, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. W. C. Simmons, of Calgary; Mr. W. E. Drakes, of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. J. MacPherson, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Empress Hotel.

Col. C. F. Fearnside, of Yew Grove, Sandhurst, England, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Digby Roberts, of Seattle, are at the Empress Hotel.

Lieut. H. G. Meyer, of Tacoma, and a party consisting of Messrs. L. Henlker, H. Dower, D. Roediger, L. Havelock and R. Powell arrived here yesterday to participate in the New Year festivities. They are at the Empress Hotel.

VICTORIA PLAYWRIGHT

The Portland Canal News has the following reference to a production in Stewart composed and produced by Miss Mamie Fraser, formerly of Victoria:

"The fantasy written and staged by Miss Mamie Fraser, with local talent, produced in the Hotel Stewart Hall last night, denoting the touch of the artist in every detail, reflects the greatest possible credit upon the author as well as on all those who have worked so hard to make it the success that it undoubtedly is."

Author Drops Dead

WOLFVILLE, N.S., Dec. 31.—J. S. Herbin, sixty-three, author of several volumes of prose and poetry, reflecting the history of Grand Pre and the French Acadians, dropped dead here Saturday.

Japan, in a few years, has turned from an importer of textiles to one of the largest exporters

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Amateurs in Action At Arena Tomorrow

Four Fast Teams Expected to Dish Up Two Good Games in Senior Amateur League Series—Native Sons Must Down Pacifics to Secure Their First Victory—Colonists and Shells to Meet Again

TWO important amateur hockey matches are on the card for tomorrow night at the local ice palace. In the opening game the Pacifics, last year champions, will clash with the Sons of Canada, while the Colonists and Shells will do battle in the final encounter. From the way the four teams have been playing, fans who attend are assured of some very close and exciting games.

The Native Sons are out to win their first match, and are confident that they will be the first to lower the colors of the fast-stepping Pacifics. Manager English has lined up the strongest team of the season and is confident that the Sons will come through at the long end of the score. The Pacifics have been out practising several times and Manager "Ken" Perry says that he is not losing much sleep over the game and expects to give the Sons the hardest struggle of their lives.

The second tussle should be the drawing card of the night, when the Colonists and Shells meet. Each team has one game to its credit and both are anxious to break the tie. Manager McAllister says the newspapermen are just rarin' to go, and he is confident that his team will have a little more of the breaks than it did when they met the Pacifics last week and were defeated by the odd goal. The addition of "Rip" McDonald in his line-up has considerably strengthened them and they will no doubt be formidable contenders.

The Shell crew will be without the services of their star centre man, Edwards, and they are certain that they will be able to give a good account of themselves when the whistle blows.

The Line-Up

The teams will take the ice as follows:

Pacifics		Native Sons
Graville	Goal	Watson
Wright	Defence	Cook
Goodacre	Defence	Codville
Miller	Forward	Fitzsimmons
Oatmen	Forward	Smith
Hewer	Forward	English
Pinchback	Forward	Glazen
	Forward	Jacklin
	Forward	Goodeve
Colonist		Shells
Richardson	Goal	Straith
Smith	Defence	Copas
Murray	Defence	Burnett
Temple	Forward	Tuckwell
McDonald	Forward	Matthews
Mann	Forward	McGibben
Stewart	Forward	Lumsden
Ackroyd	Forward	

Gordon Meeking will be the official arbitrator.

League Standing

The standing of the league is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Pacifics	3	3	0	6
Colonist	2	1	1	2
Shells	2	1	1	2
Native Sons	3	0	3	0

ROSS MILLER
Captain of the Pacifics amateur hockey team, now leading the local league.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Rugby games played on Saturday had the following results:

Worthing 19, Little Hampton 3.
Bedford 8, Nottingham 5.
Bromsgrove 35, King's Heath 0.
Storbridge 14, Worcester 8.
Old Centrals 14, Stratford-on-Avon 0.
Old Laurentians 5, Sutton Old Field 3.
Kidderminster 3, Dudley 0.
Maesteg 7, Morriston 4.
Glyneath 16, Treherbert 0.
Crumlins 8, Mountain Ash 3.
Skeven 11, Istalfera 3.
Glamorgan 0, Clifton 3.
Aberaman 19, Bargoed 6.
Caerphilly 6, Senghenydd 3.
Pontardawe 8, Hendy 3.
Talywlan 3, Pill Harriers 3.
Old Cranleighans 33, Old Stortfordians 6.
Emanuels 11, King's College Hospital 9.
Southend 22, Old Birkham 3.
Old Haberdashers 13, London Rifle Brigades 6.
Blaenavon 3, Blaina 0.
Chepstow 3, Lydney 0.
Cinderford 11, Hereford 3.
Ebbw Vale 9, Risca 3.
Darenth 6, Maidstone 5.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Football games played in the Old Country Saturday under the auspices of the Rugby Union resulted as follows:

Portsmouth Services 26, Public Schools 16.
Old Blues 30, Old Halleyburians 17.
Saracens 0, Old Elthemians 11.
Wasps 24, Ealing 0.
London Welsh 22, Metropolitan Police 3.
Honorable Artillery Company 4, Old Paulines 3.
Chelmsford 11, Barrow 8.
University College School Old Boys 41, Old Leysians 6
Old Dunstonians 6, Charlton Park 0.
Sutton 6, Sidcup 5.
Tonbridge 3, Catford Bridge 3.
Old Edwardians 5, Rugby 0.
Newbold 20, Nuneaton 3.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—In the first division Scottish League soccer matches today, Partick and Lanark played to a draw, 2 to 2.

Rugby Union

Fettesian-Lorettonians defeated the Harlequins by 16-0.

MISKE'S END NEAR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.—Physicians attending Billy Miske, heavyweight boxer, who is ill in a local hospital, said that he was very weak this evening. Miske is suffering from Bright's disease. Death may be expected at any time.

ANOTHER HOLE IN ONE

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Hole-in-One Club membership is swelling in Southern California, Harold Hurlihy being the newest recruit, having sunk his drive on the fourteenth hole of the Pasadena Golf Club, 119 yards.

GOLF POSTPONED

The mixed foursomes competition of the Victoria Golf Club, which was to have been played today, has been postponed until further notice. The mixed foursomes competition of the Uplands Golf Club has also been postponed until Sunday next, January 6.

BASKETBALL MATCHES WON BY LOCAL TEAMS

Vancouver Quintettes Both Go Down to Defeat at Y.M.C.A. After Some Fine Exhibitions of the Game

Three fine exhibition games of basketball were played on Saturday night in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. Four of the best men's teams in the Province were seen in action and provided some fine basketball for the local fans.

The two teams representing Victoria both downed their opponents from the Mainland, while in the senior girls' game Christ Church were successful in vanquishing St. Andrews by a score of 21-15.

The first game of the evening, between the First Presbyterian team of Victoria and the Native Sons of Vancouver was a hard game all through, and though the Native Sons squad fought hard they went down to defeat to a score of 17-12. Vancouver got away well at the start, and it was not until they had the lead that the Victoria boys began to wake up. However, in the second half, Victoria set a whirlwind pace, putting in three baskets in succession and gaining a lead which they did not drop till the final whistle blew for time.

The play on the whole in this game was fairly even. Victoria showed greater accuracy in shooting, perhaps, but the Mainland quintette were far superior in their checking methods. For Vancouver, McAdam was the high scorer, while "Red" Hastings found the basket most for Victoria, Bob Whyte, too, with his elusive rushes and fine checking tactics proved as usual a veritable tower of strength. The line-ups were as follows:

First Presbyterians, Victoria—Red Hastings (6), Ed. Brekenbridge, Norm Forbes (3), Bob Whyte (5), Gus McKinnon (3), Foubister (spare).

Native Sons, Vancouver—McAdam (8), Hunter, Johnson (2), Stevens (2), Woodcock (2), Boyes.

Referee—Tommy de Macedo.

Ladies' Game

The second game of the evening, between the senior girls of Christ Church and St. Andrews was a good exhibition of girls' basketball and was a hard win for Christ Church despite the appearance of the score.

The first half was somewhat slow, with St. Andrews looking slightly better than their opponents. However, the score at half-time was 7-5 in favor of Christ Church. Shortly after the beginning of the second half St. Andrews jumped into the lead but dropped behind again when Florrie Gates and Kathy Wellburn began to find the basket from all angles.

Dorothy Melville netted the highest number for St. Andrews, while Florrie Gates and Kathy Wellburn each scored an equal number of points for their team. The line-ups were as follows:

St. Andrews—Rita Kelly (4), Helen Robertson (2), Iola Worthington (2), Dorothy Melville (5), Helen Cruickshank (2).

Christ Church—Phyllis Gates (4), Kathy Wellburn (8), Florrie Gates (8), Gracie Wellburn (1), Majorie Locke.

Referee—Bob Whyte.

Exciting Match

The third and last game of the evening proved by far the fastest and most exciting. The Metropolitans and ex-Normal both showed excellent form and fast, clean basketball was the result throughout. From the beginning it looked as if Victoria was a certain winner, and had they but kept up the pace they started out at, there is little reason to doubt that the result would have been an overwhelming victory for the local quintette. They slowed up, however, toward the end of the first half and allowed the half to finish with Vancouver on the long end of a 13-12 score.

But upon resuling play the Mets set a harder pace than befors and brought their wonderful combination into use. The feature of this game was the fine shooting of Vernot Jones for the Mets, his score being the highest individual tally of the evening.

The line-ups were as follows:

Ex-Normals (Vancouver)—Gamey (2), Earl Boyes (3), Jim Boyes (5), G. Craig, Cal Boyes (2), Don McKenzie (spare, 6), Tot Boyes (spare).

Mets (Victoria)—John Brindley (8), Stan Moore (3), Vernot Jones (4), Jim Dangerfield (2), Gus McIntyre.

Referee—Bob Whyte.

Sport Exhibition To Be Held In Paris

PARIS, Dec. 31.—An immense international sport exhibition will be held in the spacious room of the Trocadero, during May, June and July, 1924, in connection with the Olympic Games. It will be the first of its kind, and, according to advices received from various countries desirous of arranging exhibits, will present an exceptional attraction.

Sporting and athletic articles, equipment and appliances of all the countries in the world, from snowshoes and skates of Canada, to the primitive weapons used by the natives in hunting the lion in Central Africa and the tiger in Bengal will be included in this exhibition.

"REPLACE DIVOTS"

Victoria Golf Club Appeals to Members to Observe Well-Known Rule of Links

The very reprehensible practice of not replacing divots is very noticeable just now on the Oak Bay Golf Links, so much so that the officials of the club think that the members should be again reminded of it. It seems possible that some of the members do not know what the word "divot" means. In that case it might be as well to explain that divots are pieces of turf torn out of the fairway, usually with an iron club; it is most unpardonable when it is done practising approach shots and the divots are not put back in place.

The officials of the club are sure that it is only necessary to remind members that the practice of not replacing divots is strictly against the rules, and is also very annoying to golfers, and they hope that those who have not been living up to the rule of replacing divots will please endeavor to do so.

JUNIOR SOCCER

Saanich Thistles to Play Pick of Oaklands and High Schools on New Year's Day

On New Year's Day, at 11 a.m., the Saanich Thistles will play a team picked from the Oaklands and High Schools in aid of the clubs. The teams will be as follows:

Saanich Thistles—Harper; Mein and Price; Miller, Crowe and Shanks; Connerton, d'Arcy, Ewing, Minnis and Irvings. Reserves: Woods, Hogan and Homer.

"Rep" team—Hogan (Oaklands); Davis (Oaklands) and Kennedy (High School); Dawson (High School), Charlton, captain (High School) and Campbell (Oaklands); Bissell (High School), Taylor (Oaklands), Rickson (High School), Easler (Oaklands) and Thomas (High School). Reserves: Mercer and Elhoes (High School) and Viggers and McKay (Oaklands).

Players are asked to report to Mr. Collier at the Royal Athletic Park at 10:45 a.m. Referee, Saunders.

SPALLA SETS SAIL

MILAN, Dec. 31.—Erminio Spalla, Italian heavyweight champion, has sailed for Buenos Ayres, having signed an agreement to meet the South American champion, Luis Firpo.

RELAY RACE IS TO BE RUN TODAY

BOYS' TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN Y.M.C.A. EVENT

Six Clubs Entered for Annual Competition—Will Be Started at 10 by Mr. David Spencer

The Y.M.C.A. boys' relay race will be started this morning at 10 o'clock by David Spencer from the foot of Heywood Avenue on Dallas Road. The various teams have been putting in some strenuous practices, the boys being all very keen on winning this annual event. The Metropolitans are the present holders of the challenge shield, and have a strong team to try and win it for them for the second year in succession.

The Course

The course, with each runner's portion, will be as follows: Commencing on Dallas Road, foot of Heywood Avenue, running west to Douglas Street, around Park Road, Heywood, Park Boulevard, Vancouver and View to Y.M.C.A.

First relay from start west to a point approximately half way to Chinese Bell. Second relay from finish of No. 1 to Chinese Bell. Third relay from finish of No. 2 to Heywood Avenue. Fourth relay from finish of No. 3 to corner Oliphant and Vancouver (via Park Boulevard). Fifth relay from finish of No. 4 to Pakington and Vancouver. Sixth relay from finish of No. 5 to McClure and Vancouver. Seventh relay from finish of No. 6 to View and Vancouver. Eighth relay from finish of No. 7 along View to finish line at Y.M.C.A. corner.

The Teams

The teams will be as follows:

Metropolitan Methodist—Harold Bradshaw, G. McElhoes, I. McComb, I. Halman, Hamliton, E. McConnell, Oscar McComb, Clyde Salvage; spare, E. Harris. Color, green. Manager, W. T. Abbott.

Christ Church—W. S. Oliver, J. A. Peacy, J. McConnell, P. Simmons, C. Connorton, C. Ivings, G. Jones, T. Grubb. Colors, red and white. Manager, A. Jones.

Centennial Hutalers—Bev. Gilson, Nelson Goodwin, Hubert Taylor, Cliff Deaville, Jack McPhee, Wilf Ritchie, Les. Hooper, Johnny Minnis. Colors, green and gold. Manager, W. McEwan.

St. Andrew's Presbyterians—Gillan Thorburn, Stewart Smith, Tom Little, Jack Browne, Jack Horne, Charlton Smith, Alf Tripp, Bob Addie; spare, Archie Wood. Colors, blue and white. Manager Wm. Erickson.

First Presbyterians—H. Skillings, F. Skillings, D. Robertson, J. McKenzie, Ed. McLean, J. Foubister, D. Taylor, M. Dinsmore; spares, D. Ogilvie, L. Greenwood, P. Rumble. Colors, purple and white.

Y.M.C.A.—D. Carley, Don Newell, J. Shadbolt, W. Peden, W. Lemm, L. Reeves. Color, white.

EDMONTON ESKIMOS WIN FROM CAPITALS

EDMONTON, Dec. 31. — The Edmonton Eskimos boosted their stock and their number of wins here Saturday night when they took the measure of the Regina Capitals in a gruelling game by a score of 3-1. The teams were well matched and the large crowd of spectators were treated to thrill after thrill all through the engagement. The Caps, although they had less of the play than their opponents, took a one-goal lead in the first period, Irving beating Winkler after a pretty solo rush, sixteen minutes from the start. Keats equalized, when nineteen minutes of the second period was played, on a lightning-like drive. In the third frame, Edmonton took the lead in slightly more than two minutes when Arbour butted in a rebound from Sparrow's shot, and fifteen minutes later the player, on an individual rush, netted the Eskimo's third goal.

It was glittering hockey all the way, McCusker and Wikler, the rival goalkeepers, made grand saves and were the stars.

Austrian Outclassed in Billiard Match

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Tadeo Suganuma, of Japan, tonight successfully finished the defence of the national junior 18.2 balk-line billiards championship against Jean Bruno, the Austrian champion, in their challenge match of 1,200 points. Suganuma ran out his final block of 400, beating Bruno's 251 points. The total scores were 1,200 and 649.

Snow and Frost Stop Up-Island Soccer Game

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 31.—The Upper Island Football League game which should have been played Sunday between Cumberland and the Davenport team of Nanaimo had to be postponed owing to the heavy fall of snow. Arrangements were being made for the game to be played at Union Bay, but owing to the hard frost of Friday and Saturday this idea was also abandoned.

Stribling Shows Wares In New York Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The New Year in the Metropolis' frolic rituals will be ushered in tomorrow with an unusual array of attractions, headed by a 12-round bout at Nawark, in which young Stribling, Georgia schoolboy, will battle Dave Rosenberg, Brooklyn middleweight.

COVERED COURT TENNIS

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Rene Lacoste defeated Jean Borotra in the match of covered court tennis tournament for the Christmas cup offered by the Sporting Club of France, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Figg, an Englishman, originated the first boxing ring at his Oxford Road theatre in 1720.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Jimmy Fairall, of the 1920-21 Metropolis football team and the Victoria Mann Cup lacrosse team was in Victoria over Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fairall, Victoria West. He states that soccer is booming in Portland. He, with "Cotton" Brynjolfson and "Spud" Merfield, played in the 1921-22 Cameronian football team, which won the championship. He is still playing for Cameronians and is also centre for the Portland All-Stars. He is employed at the Ford assembly plant and doing well there, but misses his Victoria hunting trips.

POLO TEAMS ARE BUSILY TRAINING

THREE ENTERED FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Other Interesting Events Included in Programme Arranged for Wednesday Evening at Willows

Great interest is being displayed by the horsemen of the city in the polo games for the Victoria Cup, emblematic of the championship of the city of Victoria, which is to be staged in connection with the grand military assault at arms to be held at the Horse Show Building, Willows Park, on Wednesday evening, January 9. Three strong teams have already been formed, and the players are putting in considerable time preparing themselves for this event. This will be the first occasion on which this branch of sport has been played in a competitive manner in this city, and it is expected that the games will prove to be thrilling encounters.

The teams entered to date are as follows: Army, Victoria Polo Club and a civilians' team. It is hoped that a fourth team will be put in representing the Navy. The committee in charge has consented to add a ladies' saddle event (walk, trot, gallop) to the programme, and entries for this event are to be made with either Captain Proby or Lieutenant Carley, phone 710.

McMun Welcomed by Olympic Hockey Team

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The Canadian Olympic team arrived back Sundey from the Soo, where they were beaten two to one by the Greyhounds on Saturday night. With the party was Harold McMunn, who joined the party at the Soo and who took part in the game, and his new teammates had nothing but praise for the Falcon star.

MANY NEW CHAMPIONS CROWNED LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—New champions were crowned in a majority of branches of sport during 1923, which witnessed one of the greatest seasons of activity in athletic history.

Prominent among new titleholders were the New York Yankees, world's baseball champions; Miss Helen Wills, California girl, who won the national women's championship, and Bobby Jones and Max Marston, new open and national amateur golf kings. Outstanding among those successfully defending their laurels were United States, in the Davis Cup tennis competition; William T. Tilden II, as national singles tennis champion; Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing king; and Johnny Weismuller, all-around swimming star.

R. C. Downes, of Detroit, Mich., finishing his tour of Canadian cities here last night, gave a very brilliant performance in pocket and English billiards in his original series of fancy work in one, two, three and four-cushion shots, and applause was frequent. Downes goes from here to Seattle and Portland, Ore. He finishes his tour at Chicago on January 1, 1925.

Austrian Soccer Team Wins Match in Paris

PARIS, Dec. 31.—For the first time since the war an Association football team representing a former enemy country was seen in action in Paris today and was victorious. The eleven, composed of Austrians and sporting the title of "First Vienna," defeated the Dutch team, 5 goals to 0.

The French team, "The Red Star," defeated another French team, "The Stade Francaise," 2-1.

Red Star meets the Viennese tomorrow, Stade playing the Dutch team.

Wednesday Leaguers Have Centre Stage

Intercity Soccer Match Between Island and Mainland Stars Will Be Feature Event of Today's Sport Programme—Two Strong Teams Billed to Meet at Royal Athletic Park This Afternoon

INVADING the city for the first time in the history of Wednesday League soccer, the Vancouver mid-week representative team will be here to clash with the pick of the Wednesday League here. The game, which is being staged at the Royal Athletic Park with the kick-off at 2:30 p.m., will be the only senior match on the holiday programme. According to reports the Vancouver boys are bringing along a strong aggregation in the hopes of winning the first intercity match of the Wednesday League. In the local camp everything is fine and the players are all in good shape and waiting to clash with their opponents from the Mainland. One change from the original lineup in the local team had to be made on account of McKinnon of the Teamsters being unable to play. This player was picked to play on the half-back line but now his position will be taken by Land, who was to have played centre forward, and Coulter of the Garrison will fill the centre position. Quite a lot of interest is being taken in this game and when the teams take the field today it is expected that a good crowd of supports will be on hand to watch what should be a very fast game.

The Line-Up

The line-ups are as follows:

Victoria — Shrimpton (Hudson's Bay), Hay (Teamsters) and Copas (Broad Street); Land (Teamsters), Speak (Teamsters), and Ward (Garrison); Cummings (Garrison), Humphreys (Garrison), Coulter (Garrison), Davis (Teamsters), and Pocock (Garrison); reserves, Waggett (Cranleigh House School), Grimes (Garrison), T. Hawkes (Hudson's Bay) and Morton (Teamsters).

Vancouver—Entwistle (Spencer's), Abrams (Spencer's), and Williams (Fraser Valley), Bailey (Spencer's), Picken (Fraser Valley), Chalmers (Mounted Police), Arnold (Burns' Retail), Clayton (Spencer's), Rouse (Burns' Retail), Finlayson (Shelly's), and Wilson (Spencer's).

ATHLETIC HOME AGAIN TO FORE

DISCUSSION REGARDING REMOVAL OF J.B.A.A. BUILDING

Construction of New Terminal Building Revives Question of Discarding Homely Structure

Now that the construction of the new C. P. R. dock terminal building is well under way and the amusement centre project is secure, there is discussion being generated as to the possibility of having the old building of the James Bay Athletic Association removed from its commanding position at Victoria's front door in the near future.

The best friends of the J. B. A. A. are willing to confess the homelinsss of the ancient structure which stands next to the C. P. R. docks. That it does not harmonize with the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel and will only serve to obscure and detract from the handsome appearance of the new terminal building is generally acknowledged. However, the J. B. A. A. has had its home there for a great many years and it does not feel inclined to move until it receives a proposition which suits it.

It is said that the association will stay where it is until someone provides it with a new accommodation better than it has at present. The city owns some reverted lots on the southern side of the Inner Harbor and there has been some talk of one of these properties as a possible site for the new J. B. A. A. building. However, the money with which to erect such a structure is not yet forthcoming. Discussions are thought to be shaping toward action.

There are now in the State of New York, twenty-two athletic clubs licensed to conduct prize-fights.

Sportive Punches

By the "Old 'Un"

A New Year resolution which the committees of all golf clubs would like to see a good many users of the links take is to always put back divots.

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The Victoria Golf Club's committee is even sending out a special appeal on this subject just now.

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Take all the turf you want to, but for the love of Pete (not peat) put it back life good golfers when you have finished with it.

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SPOOKS ON THE GREEN?—The Old 'Un always knew that every well-regulated golf course had its bogey; but he has heard fearful tales lately of an invisible and extremely large-hooved cow, which haunts a local course, where it apparently dances in the sand of the bunkers.

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It leaves enormous hoof-marks into which golf balls readily roll and which, when disturbed by frequent blows of a niblick, cause the air to become blue and sulphurous.

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It MUST be a ghostly cow. NO HUMAN COULD POSSIBLY HAVE SUCH LARGE FEET!

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Well, the weather man got in one of those jokes on us we were talking about the other day. The Old 'Un can't help wondering as he writes this with a couple of extra sweaters on and his feet against the steam pipes how many starters there would have been in that Christmas swim if it had been five days later. Br-r-r-r-r!

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It's all for our good. When we blow too much about our all-the-year-round golf, and our December tennis and Rugby, and our Christmas water polo and sich, why, we mustn't kick if JACK FROST gets in a little bit of his own sport at our expense.

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THERE SURE WAS SOME PUNCH TO THAT BLOW ON SUNDAY, THOUGH. ATTA BOY, BOREAS!

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'Nuff said on weather topics. (We don't want those WINNIPEG papers to copy everything, do we now?)

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And even if it is a bit chilly, that is not going to prevent some seasonable sports here today, such as an intercity soccer match and a relay road race.

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And this brings us to the end of another round with that relentless old opponent, DAD TIME. We've taken a few punches from the old boy, so many that they're beginning to tell on some of us, but here's hoping we'll all come up smiling for the next round.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, here's the Old 'Un's best wishes for a very HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, with business good AND SPORT BETTER. May MISFORTUNE pull all her punches and LADY LUCK hand you nothing worse than love-taps through NINETEEN TWENTY-FOUR.

SPORTS FIELD IN ESQUIMALT MOOTED

Council Will Seek Temporary Use of Grounds at Corner of Lyall and Fraser Streets

Esquimalt athletes will have a sport field before many days pass, if plans formulated at last night's meeting of the Esquimalt Council mature.

Councillor Nicol told the Council that Councillor Mesher and himself had called upon Mr. Locke, owner of the land at the northeast corner of Lyall and Fraser Streets, in respect to the said field that would be suitable for sports of all kinds. Councillor Nicol stated that Mr. Locke would be willing to lease the property for that purpose provided that the taxes, which amounted to about $170 last year, would be paid annually.

The speaker asserted that the owner of the grounds was anxious to see the athletics in the district given encouragement, and would be pleased to give his land under the above conditions. Councillor Nicol urged the Council to get behind this project, and back up the efforts that the Esquimalt Athletic Association was making to secure suitable quarters for the carrying on of sports in the district.

Several suggestions were offered, including that of holding a straw vote at the time of the municipal election on January 19. However, Councillor Heald's resolution that the entire matter be taken up by the 1924 Esquimalt Council, and in the meantime, Mr. Locke be approached and requested to give the temporary use of his field until the municipal body decides what it will do, was unanimously adopted.

The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Saanich Fire Brigade, expressing the Council's thanks for the aid that they gave with their equipment until the fire at the Gorge Hotel, on December 7, was under control, and authorized the payment of $2.50 to each of the following persons who rendered able assistance at the said conflagration: Messrs. Norman Willard, Ray Fielding, Arthur Young, William Richmond, Joseph Harper and Patrick McDonald.

The Council accepted an invitation to the Esquimalt Women's Institute banquet, which will be held on Thursday night next, at the Sailors' Club, commencing at 6:30 o'clock.

Councillors Robert A. Anderson and Samuel A. Pomeroy extended wishes for the New Year to the Council, which were reciprocated. These were followed with greetings from Reeve Lockley, who expressed his great pleasure to have been associated with the members of the 1923 Council, emphasizing the harmony which had at all times prevailed, and complimenting the office staff and the department heads for their loyal co-operation and efficient service in the employ of the municipality.

CAPTAIN WATSON LOSES SENIORITY

United States Naval Court-Martial Sentences Officers for Loss of Destroyer Squadron

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Captain Edward H. Watson, commander of the destroyer squadron wrecked on the California coast, near Point Honda, last September, will lost 150 number, and Lieutenant-Commander Donald T. Hunter, commander of the destroyer Delphy, one of the squadron, will lose 100 number as a result of a naval court-martial sentence approved today by Secretary Denby.

In approving the findings in the case of Captain Watson, Secretary Denby said that officer would be placed at the foot of the captain's list of the present date and there remain until he shall have lost 150 numbers in his grade.

Captain Watson is now No. 66 in the list of captains, and has but six years to serve before he will retire on account of age. Commander Hunter, who was in charge of the flagship of the destroyer squadron now occupies No. 149 on the list of lieutenant-commanders.

WILLS TO FIGHT MADDEN

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 31.—Harry Wills, negro heavyweight champion, and challenger of Jack Dempsey, has been matched in a 12-round bout with Hartley Madden here January 28.

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Benefits of Fur Farm Are Shown by Trapper

Dealers Regard the New Method as Salvation of Fur Industry in British Columbia—Enterprise Promises an Assured Income for Trappers Who Will Engage in It—Present Prices Assure Comfortable Income

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 1.—N. H. Holland, a trapper residing in the vicinity of Murch Lakes in the Chief Lake district, demonstrated in a very effective manner this week how the fur farm can be employed to make the fur business a permanent industry in this section of the Province.

Mr. Holland is an old-time trapper and incidentally he became a pre-emptor. He made good at trapping, but each year the fur was becoming scarcer, and he gave thought to the possibilities of fur farming. Two years ago he made a start. Out of the animals he took on his trap-line he reserved the most likely-looking for breeding purposes. In this way he embarked in the fur-farming business without any initial expense. He knew very little about the habits of the fox, but he began with them for the reason that they came more readily to hand. He read up everything he could get on their breeding and came through the first year with a small increase. He did even better this year, in that after weeding out his red fox and his crosses he had five crosses, four red and one silver fox for sale. He would have done even better, as he had, all told, about 32 pups, but he lost a number of them. But with those he was able to bring on the market this week he realized $300 on a sale to Herbert Porter, the local fur buyer. This is an average price of $30 per pelt for what, with a single exception might be regarded as the culls from his breeding stock.

Makes Good Income

Next season Mr. Holland should have at least 30 or 35 skins for sale, and with the selection of his breeding stock his skins should average around $50 each. This will mean an income of $1,500, which is a good average taking for a trapper who takes the wild animal on his trap-line, and gives nothing back for the perpetuation of the species.

There is an object lesson in this for all trappers in the north country. There is no reason why, in connection with the taking of wild animals on their trap-lines, they should not reserve a few of the animals and engage in fur-farming. In this way they would soon be able to make as much money out of their farms as they can upon the trap-line, and they would be building up a permanent industry.

There are thousands of acres throughout the district within easy reach of Prince George which are not adapted to farming but which would make ideal fur farms. It may be that the raising of foxes is not the most profitable of the fur-raising ventures which might be tried, but even with respect to foxes it is estimated that the cost of producing a fox does not exceed $8, and the silver fox does not cost any more to rear than does the humble red one. Even a good cross will sell for $30. It is only necessary to compare the cost of raising a fox with that of raising a beef to see what advantage lies with fox-farming

Compared With Beef

In the case of beef it requires at least three years to get the animal on the market, and at the prevailing prices the average animal will eat more hay values than his carcass will bring, even when sold at ten or eleven cents per pound, prices which are not always easy to get when it is desired to dispose of the animal.

What is true with respect to the rearing of foxes is even more so in the case of muskrats and beaver. In the case of the rat and the beaver the cost of rearing will be very much less than in the case of the fox and the animals require so little in the way of attention that there is practically no limit to the number which can be reared in their proper habitat.

It is worthy of note that the provisions of the Game Act encourage fur farming, and it being possible to kill the animals only when in their prime, the pelts are uniformly better than in the case of wild animals taken in the traps. In addition to this the fur farmer has the advantage in that he is not called upon to pay the royalties imposed in the case of wild animals, and with high-priced furs this would become quite a consideration.

New Year's List Of Honors Includes Baron Inchcape

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Baron Inchcape, one of Great Britain's noted merchants, is made a Viscount in the list of New Year's honors, made public tonight. The Right Hon. Sir Frederick George Banbury, a noted member of parliament; Sir Charles J. Darling, who recently retired as judge of the King's bench division of the High Court of Justice; and Sir Herbert M. Jezzel, who was connected with the Ministry of Supply during the war, are made Barons.

CAPTAIN SAINTY NEW GUILD HEAD

SEAFARERS' GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sixty-Two New Members Added During Year—Captain Brown Again Leads Victoria Men

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Another successful year was recorded at the annual meeting of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild. This organization includes in its ranks all masters and mates of British Columbia coast, deep sea, inland waters and the Yukon River. Captain C. S. Sainty was elected president for the coming year.

The following were other officials elected: Treasurer, Capt. O. G. Kinnis; secretary, A. Goodlad; vice-presidents, (Vancouver) Capt. W. S. Morehouse, (B.C. Lakes) Capt. J. A. Macdonald, (Victoria) Capt. T. H. Brown, (Ocean Going) Capt. N. P. Hocking; (local passenger) Capt. Robert Naughty, (freight) Capt. William Polglase, (towboats) Capt. P. R. (Dick) Jones, (government boats) Capt. Gordon Evans, (pilots) Capt. H. Shadforth; trustees, Capt. L. R. W. Beavis, Capt. James Findlay, Capt. Charles Russ; past president, Capt. W. J. Boyce.

The financial statement of the guild and the social club of the guild were presented and showed a very healthy condition. The association has a very good reserve. Membership showed an increase. At the end of 1923 the total active and associate membership was 712. This year it is 737 active and 52 associates. During the year seven members died, four at sea, two suddenly and one by accident. Three members became owners of ships and eleven left the country. New members total 62.

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Marine Organisms Origin of Petroleum

Petroleum has been known and coveted since the time of Herodotus, who described the oil pits near Babylon, and in the last half century its importance to mankind has swayed open and secret diplomacy. Probably no other natural product has been studied more diligently or has called into existence a more expert army of engineers, chemists and geologists. It is being sought in every country, in barren uplands and in tropical forests; its distribution in geological formations is known with remarkable accuracy; the chemical and physical properties of all the forms in which it occurs have been investigated with a minute thoroughness. And yet there is still difference of opinion as to how it came into existence or even as to whether it is of animal or vegetable, or of mineral origin. Dr. E. E. Spielmann, in a recent little volume ("The Genesis of Petroleum"; Benn) cites on fewer than 100 papers on its origin printed in scientific journals between 1912 and 1922, and yet hesitates from giving a decisive verdict.

More than a century ago von Humboldt propounded the theory that petroleum was of inorganic origin, a kind of emanation or product of distillation from primeval rocks at an immense depth. Much later the distinguished chemists Berthelot and Mandeleeff ascribed its formation to purely chemical action, at great depths, on the analogy of the action of water on metallic carbides as in the manufacture of "water gas." Similar theories have found more recent support. It has been assumed that the centre of the earth is occupied by a mass of very impure iron in a liquid form, at great pressure. When surface water percolated down to the iron mass it would have a temperature of from 1,000 to 1,500 degrees centrigrade, and be under a pressure of 2,000 atmospheres, conditions which would lead to the formation of solid and liquid hydro-carbons such as compose petroleum. But there is no real evidence for the existence of the central mass of iron; oil is not found in any of the deep strata, and the presence, in most varieties of petroleum, of nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur is difficult to explain on this theory.

An increasing majority of those who have studied the chemistry of petroleum and the natural conditions under which it occurs have formed the opinion that it is of organic origin. At first such views tended to the belief that it was a product of natural distillation of coal or of similar carbonaceous matter. Distillation under rather wide conditions of temperature and pressure has resulted, in the laboratory, in the production of liquids similar to natural oil. But there is not enough evidence of the existence of high temperatures such as might be the result of volcanic action in a majority of the natural sources of petroleum, and on the other hand there is little evidence as to the equivalence of high temperatures acting for a few hours in the laboratory and low temperatures acting through geological ages.

So long ago as 1794 Haquet wrote that the greater part, if not the whole, of the oil in the Galician fields had come from the decomposition of marine animals. Actually in the laboratory liquids resembling petroleum have been obtained by the distillation of menhaden (fish) oil. At the present time conditions have been observed which suggest that petroleum is still being formed by decomposition. On the Sardinian and Swedish coasts it has been found in seaweeds rotting in the sun and merely under atmospheric pressure. In the Black Sea and in the Gulf of Mexico organic matter, chiefly algae, is forming huge layers of rotting organic substances. Similar conditions on a large scale have occurred repeatedly in geological times. In California, for example, Eocene beds contain a broad expanse of marine shells more than 4,000 feet in thickness and containing organic matter sufficient for the origin of all the oil in those fields.

The evidence seems to show that the formation of petroleum, like that of coal, took place at moderate temperatures and at pressures of no great amount, although varying in different localities. But while coal has been produced almost exclusively from vegetation on land or in fresh-water swamps, petroleum has come chiefly from marine organisms with a considerable preponderance of animal matter. The remains of these marine organisms have accumulated at the bottom of saline or brackish seas and lagoons and have been subjected to decomposition by aerobic bacteria with the formation of gases and soluble substances. The fats have been transformed to soluble glycerine and fatty acids and the presence of the salt has modified the ordinary course of decay in the direction of the formation of petroleum. The presence of phosphorus, sulphur, and nitrogen and the peculiar optical activity of petroleum can all be explained by this theory of origin. If the decompositions took place in a fine mud which became clay, the oil would remain there; if in sand, it would migrate. The varied compositions of petroleum is to be referred to the varying nature of the parent substance, to the effects of the earth-pressure in geological time, and to the changes produced in the course of migration.—London Times.

OLD COUNCIL HOLDS ITS FINAL MEETING

No Mention Made of Departing Aldermen During Session, But Farewells Are Said

Yesterday afternoon the 1923 City Council held its final meeting, which was not a long one. It ended without mention being made of the fact that it was the last of the year and that Aldermen Leeming and Gillespie would not be back in 1924, they not having sought another term.

However, during the informal discussion among the aldermen afterwards, Alderman Leeming chanced to take a seat in the Mayor's chair, and when he rose to leave, his colleagues gave three cheers and a tiger for "Mayor Leeming." The two departing members received the best wishes of those who will be staying on.

The new Council is to be sworn in on Saturday, and will hold its first meeting on Monday night.

Candidates for Mayor Nominated Yesterday

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Today, nomination day in the Capital, brought forth the following candidates for mayor: F. H. Plant, mayor for the last three years; T. McVeity, ex-mayor, and Henry Walters, druggist.

Six Candidates

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 31.—Mayor F. W. Bilio, Alderman W. S. Freeborn and Alderman S. F. Whitcham, ex-Alderman W. J. Bragg, J. W. English and ex-Mayor M. M. McBride, M.P.P., were nominated for the mayoralty today.

Mayor Re-elected

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 31.—Everet Rea, alderman for the last two years, was today elected mayor of Woodstock for 1924 by acclamation.

Six In Fort William

FORT WILLIAM, Dec. 31.—Six names were put in nomination for the mayoralty before nominations closed at 11 this morning, as follows: Mayor N. Edmoston, Aldermen J. E. Crawford, K. Kelso, J. W. Looney, John King and F. Moore.

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Careless Owners Out Of Luck at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—According to some of the city garage men, it is estimated that 5,000 radiators were damaged by the sudden cold spell. Automobile owners who failed to drain water out of their radiators were out of luck when they took their cars out. Some motorists started their cars all right at the garage, but after going a few blocks towards town, water started flowing from all over the engines and steam escaped in great clouds from the radiators. The phones in garages have been busy with motorists sending in emergency calls to "come and fix the radiator."

Sacrilege Avenged by Lynching In Italy

ROME, Dec. 31.—A mob of several thousand persons stormed a jail in the Celine district near Avezzano, a dispatch from the latter town announces, and removed and lynched a prisoner who was charged with having stolen from a cathedral in the district a number of valuable receptacles containing relics of the saints.

MRS. ARBUCKLE GETS DIVORCE

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 31.—Minta E. Arbuckle, wife of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, was granted a divorce in the superior court here today. The case was heard before Justice Chester W. Barrows on depositions and was granted on the grounds of neglect to provide and desertion. The divorce will become absolute six months from today.

A TEARFUL EPISODE

The last fatal blow to the prestige of the U.F.O. government was dealt in Henderson's auction room in Toronto when seven thousand dollars' worth of bedroom furniture came under the hammer.

The Farmer Government which came in on a policy of thrift and moral purity, and went out on a practice of gross extravagance, was much more lavish of the people's money than it was of its own. Neither Premier Drury nor any one of his cabinet ministers went to the expense of retaining apartments in Toronto. They turned offices into bedrooms in the stately pile in Queen's Park and leaned on the public for the last dollar to furnish them.

Premier Ferguson, who does not pretend to be anything more than an honest sinner like most other statesmen, now proposes to turn the bedroom suites into offices again, and to that end gets rid of the costly U.F.O. relics including a beautiful hundred dollar coal scuttle and other articles, as Mrs. Malaprop would say, of bigotry and virtue.

Premier Drury, who happened to be in town while the sale was on, called it cheap, small politics, which hardly seems to be the fitting phrase concerning the seven thousand dollars that were spent on the outfit. Premier Drury, by the way, is the gentleman who basked for four years in the glory of a great renunciation—trimming his own salary by three thousand a year, but claiming the arrears when his career blew up. If anything could be cheaper or smaller than that we should like to hear of it.

We understand that the furniture was in good condition, and that the sale was largely attended by admirers who wanted to buy the beds on which the great men had reposed.—Montreal Standard.

FOR NEW PROPELLER

The steamer Golden Gate arrived at Yarrows yesterday to be fitted with a new propeller to replace that broken by contact with a submerged log on the vessel's outward trip from Gray's Harbor. Chief Officer John Broch, who arrived in command of the ship, reported the death of Captain O. Mauken from injuries received in the Orient, when he fell from a companion ladder to a lower deck. On the completion of repairs, the Golden Gate will proceed to Coos Bay and Portland to load 4,000,000 feet of lumber for Japan.

YOKOHAMA MARU TO ARRIVE JANUARY 8

According to the local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, the Yokohama Maru, which left Yokohama on Christmas Day, will reach Victoria on January 8, and not on the following day, as previously announced.

For Victoria the Yokohama is carrying 102 cases of silk and about 16 tons of general cargo. Two first-class passengers will debark here and eighteen will continue to Seattle.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKES

MEMPHIS, Dec. 31.—A slight earth tremor, the third within a period of two months, was felt here at 9:05 o'clock tonight. No damage was reported.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 31.—Little Rock and nearby towns felt a distinct earth tremor at 9 o'clock tonight. Many persons in the city reported noting the shock, but no damage was reported.

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—George C. Jones, general manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs, was found dead in his apartment in the National Club this morning.

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ROYAL—Today

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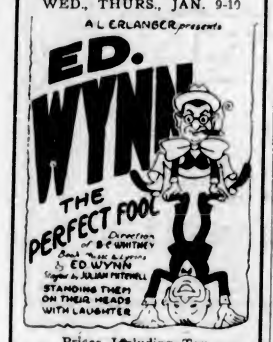

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At the Playhouses

JACKIE TRIUMPHS IN "LONG LIVE THE KING"

His Greatest Role of Career as Adventurous Prince in Latest Picture Showing at Dominion

Undoubtedly the greatest picture in which Jackie Coogan has been permitted to use his remarkable genius is Metro's "Long Live the King," now the feature at the Dominion Theatre. Last night its premier in this city was attended by a great and appreciative audience, which through the evening continued to give ample evidence of the tremendous popularity which Jackie now has at his command. In fairness to him, it is such beautiful and impressive productions as "Long Live the King" that enhance his popularity and make him more beloved.

The story of "Long Live the King" is a familiar one to readers of American books. It is a screen version of the famous novel of the same name written several years ago by Mary Roberts Rinehart, and which attained a tremendous sale. It hinges around the romantic adventures of the little Crown Prince of Lavonia—a country threatened at every turn by revolution and anarchy. It is a highly exciting romance and the producers have not only lost none of the fascination of the novel, but have added to its delight by giving it a wonderfully beautiful presentation.

ROYAL HAS A BIG HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

"Ponjola" Is a Stirring Story of Action and Romance Staged in Rhodesian Goldfields

"Ponjola," Sam E. Rork's First National picturization of Cynthia Stockley's masterpiece of South African life will be the feature again today at the Royal.

A vivid photoplay drama of a story which ran serially in The Cosmopolitan Magazine and later was for months one of the "six best sellers," "Ponjola" is a stirring story of action and romance staged in the Rhodesian gold fields.

While its title is taken from the native name for liquor, the play is in no way a preachment against intoxicants, but it tells a story nevertheless, in which "Ponjola," the soul-destroying drink of that country, plays a prominent part.

The play centres about an English noblewoman, an innocent victim of scandal who goes into the gold fields to lose her identity. She masquerades as a man, and as such lives for months with the hardened characters of the veldt, fighting the curse of ponjola and fighting for the redemption of the man, who had previously saved her from self-destruction.

Interpreted by a truly all-star cast, including James Kirkwood, Anna Q. Nilsson, Tully Marshall, Ruth Clifford and Joseph Kilgour, "Ponjola" is considered one of the greatest pictures of the year.

"TO THE LADIES" IS EXCELLENT PICTURE

Scores Highly at Its Premier Last Evening at Capitol Theatre—Edward Horton Plays Lead

James Cruze has scored again. The Paramount picture "To the Ladies," which was shown with marked success for the first time at the Capitol Theatre yesterday, is this director's fourth consecutive screen triumph. The others, "The Covered Wagon," "Hollywood" and "Ruggles of Red Gap," are all current productions enjoying tremendous popularity throughout the country. Edward Horton, Theodore Roberts, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser are featured players in the principal roles.

The story is one of the Kincaid piano factory, where John Kincaid has the position of manager to fill. A salesman's banquet is held at Mrs. Kincaid's suggestion, for her husband consults her on all important matters, at which a selection is to be made. Three clerks are candidates for the position. Leonard Beebe, Tom Baker, the boss's "yes man," and a third visionary individual. Each is called upon for a short talk. But alas! the "yes man" gives the same speech that Beebe had memorized but a few evenings before from a book about "After Dinner Speeches for All Occasions." Better see the picture for yourself. You'll enjoy it immensely.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE The Playhouse Theatre is showing today and tomorrow George Fitzmaurice's superb Paramount production, "To Have and To Hold," one of the most beautiful and romantic pictures ever screened. Betty Compson, Paramount star, and Bert Lytell, a well known stage favorite, are featured, the former appearing as the ward of King James I of England, and the latter as a soldier adventurer of Virginia, in the early Seventeenth Century. A great deal of interest has been aroused by the announcement that the ever popular producer, Reginald Hincks, and his clever band of artists are to be again seen at the Yates Street house in another series of musical, dramatic and variety shows. Those who enjoyed their last season's run of comic opera will well remember their many happy moments spent with such characters as Bing Boys, the Mayor of Tokio and dozens of others equally charming, and will doubtless look forward to being once more entertained by this clever aggregation. The first of this series will be staged commencing Thursday, January 3, and will consist of Sidney Jones' masterpiece, "The Geisha." Performances will be twice nightly, at 7 and 9 o'clock.

COLUMBIA THEATRE Can a woman's faith and love reform a man from drinking? Yes, says Marion Trevor, who actually does this, as pictured in the William Fox special, "The Face On the Barroom Floor," now showing at the Columbia Theatre. In the powerful William Fox photodrama, "The Face On the Barroom Floor" Ruth Clifford delineates the sympathetic role of Marion Trevor, while Henry B. Walthall, the beloved "Little Colonel of D. W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," enacts the dramatic role of Robert Stevens, the man who succumbs to drink and then, buoyed up by his sweetheart's faith and love, wins back to sanity.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen

Capitol—Edward Horton in "To the Ladies."

Columbia—Henry B. Walthall in "The Face on the Bar-Room Floor."

Dominion — Jackie Coogan in "Long Live the King."

Playhouse—"To Have and to Hold," starring Betty Compson and Bert Lytell.

Royal—"Ponjolu," starring Anna Q. Nilsson.

The Stage

Royal—San Carlo Grand Opera, Wednesday and Thursday.

RUSSIAN TRIO RETURNS TO CITY FOR RECITAL THIS WEEK

The Cherniavsky will no doubt be welcomed with open arms and a crowded house, as this will be their only appearance in Victoria this season.

In former years the Cherniavsky Brothers, Jan (pianist), Leo (violinist), and Mischel ('cellist), have been great favorites, and have always drawn big houses, so that their appearance here at the Capitol Theatre on Friday, January 4, will no doubt result in a capacity house.

While in London, the Cherniavsky Trio gave a series of recitals to large audiences, where they were received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Their concert will consist of at least two trios, one, the famous trio composed by Rachmaninoff, and also the usual solos, violin, piano and 'cello.

Reserved seats are now on sale at the Capitol box office.

GRAND OPERA TO BE HEARD AT ROYAL VICTORIA TOMORROW

For several days it has been evident that something important, as well as the New Year, was imminent in Victoria, and there is no doubt that the air of mystery, braveness, delight and expectation has been occasioned by the coming of the grand opera season. And tomorrow night the mighty event is here.

We do not write these lines in any facetiousness, for it is the plain fact that we mean it, and we would have the Victorians feel as keenly as the New Yorkers and the Bostonians and the Montrealers and Londoners and Romans and Viennese do, when grand opera comes in their midst. Grand opera is something more, decidedly more, than any ordinary entertainment. It is a manifestation on the part of the audience of something deep and cultured in themselves and, on the part of the stage folk, of a high achievement of art.

Tomorrow night, Verdi's dramatic "Rigoletto" will be sung by Mario Basiola, one of the truly great dramatic artists on the operatic stage of today. He will make the crooked, misshapen, evil jester his own, with an interpretation particularly poignant in its later development—that is after he learns that his cruel plot has turned boomerang upon his own innocent daughter Gilda. That part of the character is not so easy to interpret. There the subtlety, the deep-seated grief and the shrieking anguish like a volcano running over, demands the great artist.

Thursday night, the second opera will be "Madame Butterfly" sung by Haru Onuki, the greatest artist of Japan.

LITTLE EDNA HAS HER OWN IDEAS OF DANCING SUCCESS

Edna Hamel, the clever little dancer with Ed. Wynn, in "The Perfect Fool," coming to the Royal Victoria Theatre for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, has her own ideas of success. Little Edna is just out of her teens, was born and brought up in the city of Binghampton, New York State, and from her infancy has been a toe dancer and terpsichorean prodigy.

Miss Hamel has this to say:

"To be a success in—or at—anything, one must necessarily give and put forth their very best efforts. Nothing bordering on success is attained without conscientious endeavor and strict attention to pursuit. It matters not in what direction ambition is turned, strict adherence to rules and regulations must of necessity be observed. Mind must perforce take precedence over matter. Success comes only to those who court it.

PAVLOWA AND HER BALLET WILL BE IN CITY SOON

Strange as it may sound, Anna Pavlowa had to go to Egypt to discover the subject for a new Russian ballet, dealing with a period which has never before been treated in the history of Russian dancing, old as that history is. While in Cairo, upon her recent globe-circling tour, Pavlowa encountered a countryman of hers, a well-known artist, Ivan Bilibine, who, like thousands of other members of the artistic profession, was obliged to flee the Russia of the Bolsheviks.

With Bilibine's assistance, the incomparable Anna was able to design for her augmented repertoire, a new Russian ballet—new in the sense that it dealt with the old, or holy Russia of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries for the first time; old in the sense of the period treated—a period that, in the light of recent turmoil in Russia, seems further off than ever.

The coming of Pavlowa to this city, bringing her entire London and Paris organization—the Ballet Russe and symphony orchestra—is an event rich in promise for music-lovers and admirers of the dance. The date is Tuesday, January 8, at the Royal Victoria Theatre.

Giving Recital Here

MRS. PAKENHAM

The gifted pianist, who will give a recital here during March. Mrs. Pakenham is a Victoria girl, who enjoyed the name of being a child prodigy here before she went abroad to study. She has arranged to give three pianoforte recitals in March, the first in Victoria, and shortly afterwards one each in Vancouver and Seattle, starting for her home in the east after spending the Winter here.

Stork's Faithful Work Pleads Man's Cause With Judge

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—B. Isdio Marroguis, called to the police court bar of this city today to answer a charge of possessing liquor, explained that he was the father of twenty-three children and expected soon to have an even two dozen offspring. "Sentence suspended," the court said.

YACHT CLUB BALL SEES NEW YEAR IN

CADBORO BAY FUNCTION IS POPULAR AS EVER

Annual Carnival Staged by Royal Victoria Club Draws Large Crowd of Dancers

A brilliant scene was presented at the Royal Victoria Yacht Cibu last evening, the occasion being the New Year's Eve carnival.

Artistically decorated, the ballroom was reminiscent of the Savoy Hotel, London, at its merriest, gaily garbed figures flitting laughingly hither and thither, fox trotting or waltzing to the wonderful strains of Professor Heaton and his orchestra, who excelled themselves.

An excellent supper was provided by Messrs. Tighe & Wheeler, after which the guests reassembled in the ballroom to witness the slow exit of old 1923 and the thrilling entrance of Baby 1924, a hush falling on the merry crowd during the minute before midnight, each wondering what the New Year will hold for them as it passes by. Then the solemn moment is over and the dancers once more become imbued with the spirit of carnival.

Much credit is due to the hard-working committee, which, under the guiding hand of the secretary, Mr. C. Adams, has taken so much trouble in making the carnival si superbement fait.

Amongst those present were: Commodore H. R. Barnes, Brig.-General Clark and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pangman, Mr. and Mrs. Breton, Captain Cox, Miss Bayley, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Hotham, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hall, Miss Iris Burton, Mr. E. Burton, Mr. Alan Macaneill, Miss Carol Tolmie, Miss K. W. Sehl, Mrs. Streatfield and party, Mrs. G. Eliot, Miss G. Watson, Miss M. Campbell, Miss N. Higgs, Miss Peggy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. MacCallum, Mr. J. L. White, Mr. T. A. Collis, Miss Muriel Wilson and many others.

Relatives and Neighbors

America is concerned, and deeply concerned, in Europe; and we prefer to accept the judgments of other students of foreign policy that we have everything to hope from the full co-operation of the United States in this unprecedented problem of European restoration. However much Mr. Belloc may insist on the fundamental racial differences between the people of this country and those of the United States, no one will be inclined to admit that they are greater than the distances which separate us from most of the Continental nations.—Westminster Gazette.

Law and Observance

It is our common weakness that we rejoice in abiding by laws only so long as the laws coincide with our ideas, and when they do not, we yell that our liberties are being taken away from us. But it seems as if, ever since the first colonies crossed the sea, someone's liberty has been violated. It would be nice if we could all do just as we pleased; but as long as we have communities and civilization, we are going to have our lives regulated by laws, and often those laws are going to be outgrown and are going to be found very difficult to change.—Detroit News.

SERMONS TAKE NEW YEAR TEXT

Preachers in a Majority of Pulpits on Sunday Issue Messages of Encouragement in the Face of Distressing Happenings in World at Present Time—Sermons in Some Instances Resume of Year's Events —Refer to Big Issues of the Day

FROM the majority of the pulpits of the city churches on Sunday the preachers issued some kind of special New Year message to their congregations. The message was mostly in the nature of a word of encouragement, recognition being made of the unsettled condition of world affairs at the present time, but hope being expressed that the coming year would see the nations and mankind attaining some better mutual understanding through the power of the spirit.

Rev. William Stevenson on Sunday evening delivered a sermon which was a resume of the great events of the past year. Choosing as his text the verse from Psalm 103, "The Lord hath established His throne in the heavens and His Kingdom ruleth over all," Mr. Stevenson said that it was difficult at this time to estimate what were the great events and what the small in the past twelve months. He quoted Carlyle when he said that one should measure the occurrences of history by their influence upon the general destiny of man, their tendency to obstruct or forward man in his advancement toward liberty, knowledge, true religion and dignity of mind. That was the true standard by which one could test events as to their greatness or otherwise.

Four Things

Mr. Stevenson, however, singled out four things for special mention:

First, the importance of the fact that so much emphasis was being laid upon the idea of world-peace.

Second, the great advance of labor interests in Great Britain. The conditions of labor in England one hundred years ago, just at the time of the great industrial revolution, were compared with the greatly improved conditions of today. Great Britain was achieving by peaceful methods a settlement of the great problem of capital and labor; she was carrying through a bloodless revolution which would have a permanent effect on the development of mankind.

Behind this labor movement, it was pointed out, there was a moral and spiritual ideal toward which the people were moving. As Britain had led the way in the past toward civilization, so she was destined to do in the future.

Third: The Japanese disaster. Good had come out of that vast evil. Sentiments of humanity had been roused among the peoples of all civilized countries of the world. British Columbia had not failed to help, and her Government and business men had sent out shiploads of lumber for the work of reconstruction. The American people had sent generously of money. All these expressions of good feeling had helped to promote the spirit of fraternity and international goodwill which the Japanese would never forget.

Fourth: There had been a tremendous advance of Christianity amongst the non-Christian nations and peoples of the world. In this respect it had been one of the greatest years in all the history of Christianity. Even in Russia there had been great advance; hundreds of thousands of people had turned toward Christianity in its purest form and were enjoying perfect liberty under the Soviet Government. In the United States during the last year $75,000,000 had been raised for missionary purposes.

Humanity could draw encouragement from these things. Whilst there was trouble and unrest in Europe just now, no doubt, as in the past, good would come out of all this trouble, there was "a power which made for righteousness among the nations." "God hath established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom ruleth over all."

Doing the Impossible

"Doing the Impossible," was the subject of Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay's sermon at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. "I can do all things in Christ which strengtheneth me" was the text from which the speaker spoke, when he urged courage, determination and faith in the New Year in attacking the apparently impossible task.

Dr. Clay pointed out that some things in life were easy. But some things which were easy were also unimportant; it did not matter whether they were done or not. Other things took the form of duty, and if these were left undone there was a definite loss.

The necessary duties were divided into three groups: First, the easy necessary duties; second, the difficult necessary duties; and third, the impossible necessary duties.

"For the easy duties there is no lack of volunteers," said Dr. Clay, who reminded his congregation of the many people who followed the line of least resistance. It was the shirker of the difficult task that made the work of life hard for the others.

Difficult Things

Referring to the second group, the things which are possible but difficult, Dr. Clay indicated specifically some of these: A man, taking a stand for the right in an unpopular cause, for instance. These were the real workers of life. Some names were cited as examples of this type; Quentin Hogg, who had gone out among the shoeblacks and street Arabs of London and gathered them together into classes, in which they were trained to useful occupations and saved or reclaimed for service; Grenfell, who had done such magnificent work through his mission in Labrador; and Theodore Roosevelt in the United States. Another, a Canadian, who was valiantly fighting an unpopular cause in Canada was Dr. Rochester, of the Lord's Day Alliance.

"One hundred years ago it was impossible for a steamer to cross the Atlantic," continued the preacher. A scientific treatise had been written at that time to show that no ship could carry sufficient coal in her bunkers to make the voyage across the ocean. But time had proved the impossible possible. Graham Bell had accomplished the impossible in carrying the human voice; radio had accomplished the impossible in the same respect and in different form.

"And in the spiritual realm there are other things which can be done, which have been done and are being done, impossible with our ordinary human resources, possible only "in Christ which strengtheneth me.'" St. Paul had afforded an example of one who had done the impossible in heartening and transforming man's life and character.

The sermon concluded with the preacher's appeal to men of today to stand in Christ, to take their place "In Him," and so prove that as all power had been given to Him so all power might be shared by those who stood with Him.

World In Check

Restlessness, uncertainty and fear held the world in check today. The New Year would bring difficulties anew which would have to be faced, but they must be met, if to be conquered, with confidence.

Men regarded life from different angles. Some men, looking at politics, for instance, saw it as a corrupt thing which no decent man would touch. Others, again, saw the wrong and corruption that existed under the name of politics, but felt that they had a certain obligation to correct this condition. Of the two classes of men, whatever their party, he personally would prefer the man determined to set about the righting of wrong rather than the man who would do nothing.

Gird Up the Loins

Encouragement was the spirit of the sermon preached by Rev. A. K. McMinn at the First Congregational Church. His text was taken from the first book of Peter, verses 1-13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind," his subject, "Get Ready for the Race."

Coming to the end of the Old Year and the beginning of the New men and women looked back to take stock of the past twelve months in their preparation for the forthcoming year.

"The race is not against time or distance, but against wrongs that would defeat us," said the preacher. To this end one must learn to master himself. The ancient runners, those who set out on a long journey where endurance was required, first of all gird up their loins, marshalled their strength for the test. The athletes in the old Greek games disciplined themselves for the race. In those races there was only a prize for one; the moral race was unlike this in that there was the prize for all.

Real Fight

"So fight I, not as one that beateth the air," quoted the preacher. Life was no sham battle; it was a real fight, subjection of the body, mastery of the desires that threatened defeat, mastery of self. The great Dr. Moody had at one time admitted that his greatest conflict in life was with himself. And it was perfectly true that sooner or later the prodigal always had to tackle himself.

Mr. McMinn named the three great tests which would prove to what extent the runner had mastered himself: First—The test which came from those who injured one. How should one react to injuries? Should one be resentful?

Second—How should one feel toward rivals? Could one stand the test of jealousy

Third—How should one stand the test of class, the test of prejudice?

Those who had the love of God in their hearts could make all things work together for good, concluded the preacher in closing his New Year address to the young people.

Who Does Not Sin?

Rev. A. deB. Owen chose as his text Peter I., verses 18-25, particularly selecting from this the words which gave him as his subject: "Who Does Not Sin?"

Jesus Christ, Mr. Owen pointed out, was the only one of whom it was right to say that "He was without sin." To many of the congregation of the Church of Our Lord the late Bishop Cridge was the perfect pattern, a man without sin. But Bishop Cridge himself would have been the last person to assent to this. In the present controversy which is going on among some of the churchmen of New York there are those who held that Christ was the son of Joseph. If that had been true St. Peter would not have been able to say that Christ was without sin. But even though no man was without sin there was an opportunity for everyone to do good. Mr. Owen said, recalling the incident of the old negro slave sold by his master to an infidel, and this infidel the negro had the joy of converting to Christianity.

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DO YOU VISUALIZE TIME? IS QUERY

Reporter Discusses With Local Lawyer Various Ways in Which People Picture Seasons of Year in Relation to Each Other—Some See Clock Face, Some Imagine Themselves Passing Along Highway, Some Apparently Have No Conception

"HOW do you visualize a year?" a Victoria lawyer was asked by the writer.

"Eh?" was the startled reply.

"How do you visualize a year? What is your conception of time? When people talk to you of Christmas and Spring and Summer, what is the picture you have in your mind?"

"I don't just get you."

"Do you have in your mind a conception of a clock face with the seasons arranged on it or do you see them stationed along a straight line or roadway?"

"Oh." A gleam of perception pierces through. The man with the blue bag is slowly realizing that his interrogator is not crazy. "Really, I haven't considered the matter."

"Well, then," the writer pursued ruthlessly, "if someone sent a news item to you and said that owing to a conflicting event, the date for a dance, which was to have been held on January 7, had been advanced a week, what date would you understand that the dance was to be held on?"

"January 14, of course."

"Not January 1?"

"Certainly not." A pause. "Well, now, I don't know——"

A Riddle

"It rather depends on your conception of time, I think," the scribe explained. "If you think of January 7 as being along a road and you moving toward it, to advance the date would doubtless be to put it farther ahead of you, and the same would apply to the clock face conception, I suppose, but some folks seem to think that to advance a future date is to move it nearer to the present."

"Quite so. No doubt," admitted the lawyer weakly. "But look here," he demanded suddenly, "what does it matter?"

"It doesn't."

"I thought not. Interesting, though. By the way, how do you visualize time?"

"I see a clock face. Christmas is at twelve o'clock. July is at six. Spring is about four o'clock, and Autumn about eight. Strangely enough, I have put Christmas directly in the middle at the top, with New Year's Day a little to the right. Don't ask me where I got the idea. I've had it ever since I can remember."

"Then your idea of eternity is a clock that never stops."

Some Conceptions

"I guess you're right," agreed the writer. "I have been making some inquiries about this business of visualizing time and have heard some interesting things. One man, for example, tells me that he pictures a clock face, but he puts Christmas down at six o'clock and Summer up around twelve. Another fellow—a newspaper editor, by the way—has some sort of conception of a round map of the world, and thinks of Christmas at the North Pole and Summer at the South, with Spring on the east and Autumn on the west, and instead of having his map turned so that north is at the top he has north on the right and south on the left. He can't explain the origin of that conception any more than I can mine.

"Other folks conceive of time as stretched out along an infinite road, over which they are traveling. They catch up with the seasons and pass them by.

"A few days ago I put the question of the visualization of time to a lady and discovered that she thought of the seasons at the four corners of a horizontal square, around which the year moved in an anti-clockwise fashion."

"Seems to me I ought to have some kind of a mental picture of time myself," remarked the lawyer thoughtfully. "Something original, perhaps." He was thoughtful a moment, then, "I've got it. You know the bit the poet wrote about footprints on the sands of time? Well, I'll think of time as an infinite beach—and, by jove, the waves shall be my troubles rolling in upon me as I walk my way."

Since 1914 the United States has exported nearly $400,000,000 worth of milk products.

KING OF SIAM PREFERS HAREM TO REVOLUTION

As a consequence of an Oxford education and the imbibing of Western culture, the young monarch of Siam was confronted with the choice between a thousand-inmate harem or a revolution, according to advices reaching this continent from the South Seas on the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, which docked on Saturday.

Needless to say the regal youth discarded his ultra-modernism in the face of the ire of united beauties of his kingdom, and capitulated with the best grace he could muster.

In accordance with age-old custom the marriage ceremony in Siam is a lengthy one, and as the quota is approximately one thousand wives, the recalcitrant king has devoted the last two or three months chiefly to getting married.

Divorce in Siam, however, is easy. It costs only 50 cents.

TO PREACH MISSION IN HIS HOME CITY

Rev. Father John Knox, S.J., to Conduct Services at St. Andrew's Cathedral During Next Week

Rev. Father John Knox, S.J., who is a Victoria boy, will preach a mission in St. Andrew's Cathedral during the week commencing January 6. Father Knox is well known in the East as a forcible and popular preacher. Many of his friends here will no doubt appreciate the opportunity of hearing him in his home town.

Father Knox was a prominent figure in the Canadian chaplain service during the Great War. He joined the army in 1915 and was present at all the earlier activities of the Canadian Corps in France. Invalided home in 1916, he was sent to Bramshott, where his hut became famous. He held the rank of major, and received the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 29.—Advices from Tulcan say that three new earth shocks have been recorded there. The tremors were also felt at Cuenoa.

B.C. ENTERING NEW MINING

With Rise in Prices, Incentive Is Provided for Production of Metals Again, and Output Increases

VALUES INCREASED NOTABLY IN 1923

Records Show How Mines Produced During Twelvemonth Just Closed—Slocan Active—Placer Gold Up

BRITISH Columbia will enter this week a year that gives every promise of being the most important in point of mineral production that the Province has ever seen.

With a general advance in prices of metals following the gradual passing of the post-war slump, there is renewed incentive to production throughout the mining fields of the Province.

There has been an enormous increase in activity in the Portland Canal district in Northwest British Columbia, and it is estimated that this section will be responsible for over 75 per cent of the value of the Province's aggregate mineral production. The Premier mine, most notable of all British Columbia properties, is distributing another $400,000 in dividends shortly.

There was an increase of 12.8 in the monetary value of British Columbia mineral production for 1923 over that of 1922, according to the Provincial Government's figures. The 1923 output was valued at $39,699,758, as compared with $35,158,843 for the previous year, an increase of $4,540,915. The production of 1921 was worth only $28,066,641, so that the increase during the last two years has been 41 per cent.

Metals that show an increase, together with comparative figures, follow:

	1922	(Estimated) 1923
Gold (Placer)	18,240 oz.	20,000 oz.
Copper	32,359,896 lbs.	54,000,000 lbs.
Lead	67,447,985 lbs.	74,000,000 lbs.
Zinc	57,146,548 lbs.	63,000,000 lbs.

There also is an estimated increase of some 12,165 tons in coke manufacture and on improvement in "miscellaneous and building material" production of about $17,674 in value.

Metals showing a decrease in production, with the comparative figures, follow:

	1922	1923 (Estimated)
Gold (lode)	197,856 oz.	174,000 oz.
Silver	7,101,311 oz.	6,700,000 oz.

Coal production has declined to a slight extent in tonnage 56,002 and in value $280,010. Fo rthe purpose of maintaining an equitable comparison from year to year, coal is put in at a valuation of $5 a ton and coke at $7 a ton. Under present conditions these figures are far from a correct representation of the value of coal and coke in view of the substantial increase in late years of the cost of production.

Placer Gold Increase

The increase in the placer gold production is regarded as encouraging, although it is estimated that the improvement will be no more than 1,760 ounces. There are two reasons for this advance in production. One is greater activity on the extensive placer grounds of the Cassiar region, Northern British Columbia, and the other the continued favorable development of the Cedar Creek section of the Cariboo district.

The Slocan still continues an important factor in British Columbia silver production. The engineer of the district, Mr. Langley, reports that "the Slocan came back strong this year, more especially Sandon, which took on an air of prosperity." He speaks of the old "Slocan Star" at Sandon, now known as the Silversmith and operated by the Silversmith Mining Company, which has been producing a high-grade mill feed at the rate of about 100 tons a day, as well as probably a considerable tonnage of high-grade crude ore. Other properties that have added substantial amounts to the output are the "Wonderful" and "Ruth" at Sandon; the "Standard," "Van Roi," "Bosum" and "Hewitt" at Silverton. Besides the activity of mining companies, there have been quite a number of men in the hills leasing and prospecting.

Production Compared

It is interesting for purposes of comparison to give the valuation placed on the production of 1922 and that estimated for 1923:

	1922	1923
Gold (placer)	364,800	$ 400,000
Gold (lode)	4,089,684	3,596,580
Silver	4,554,781	4,226,772
Copper	4,329,754	7,786,800
Lead	2,480,316	4,810,000
Zinc	2,777,322	3,484,400
Coal	12,559,215	12,279,205
Coke	320,845	406,000
Miscellaneous and building materials	2,682,126	2,700,000
Totals	$35,158,843	$39,699,758

The total coal production of British Columbia for 1923 is placed at 2,543,675 tons, as against 2,580,915 tons for the previous year, or a decrease of 37,240 tons.

Coal Trade Slack

On Vancouver Island all the large collieries have been experiencing a slack trade, there having been a decrease in output from this field aggregating 202,730 tons. In the Nicola Princeton field the Middlesboro Collieries alone increased its production. The Crow's Nest Pass district improved over its 1922 production to the extent of 190,207 tons, but, in considering this figure, it is important to remember that early in 1922 there was a long period of labor trouble at Coal Creek and Michel. The year just closing has been uninterrupted in this respect.

On the whole it appears clear that the coal mining industry is passing through a trying period. Both on the Coast and in the Kootenays trade is being lost through increasing fuel oil importations. There is no doubt that this is the principal reason for the unsatisfactory condition, and whether the one-half cent a gallon sales tax on fuel oil, which has been ordered at the recent session of the Provincial Legislature, will relieve the situation remains to be seen. The failure of the industry to respond to the stimulus of the greater domestic market of the Winter no doubt is due to some extent to the exceptionally mild weather that has been experienced.

LIBERALS PLANNING ISLANDS MEETING FOR MR. M. B. JACKSON

Preparations have been made, following the successful meeting held by Colonel "Cy" Peck, V.C., Conservative nominee in The Islands riding, assisted by Mr. W. J. Bowser, to stage a Liberal gathering at Sidney in the interests of the sitting member, Mr. M. B. Jackson. The date of this meeting has not been decided upon but it will be next week, probably Thursday or Friday. At it Premier Oliver will be the chief speaker and will take occasion, it is announced, to answer statements made by Mr. Bowser at Friday night's Conservative gathering which, in point of attendance and enthusiasm, was one of the largest political meetings held at Sidney in years.

That old-time favorite political topic, the P.G.E., will be at the foreground and the subject, which has been hashed and rehashed in the Legislature for the last seven years, will again be trotted out for the attention of the electors who attend the meeting.

It may be that Premier Oliver will make some further announcement as to the date of the forthcoming Royal Commission under the amended Public Inquiries Act, to investigate charges levelled against members of the administration and Mr. Bowser relative to alleged donation by P.G.E. interests in 1915 and 1916 towards party campaign funds.

So far no announcement of the personnel of the commission has been forthcoming but it is reported unofficially that it will consist of a judge and in this connection the names of Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Gallihor and Mr. Justice Eberts have been mentioned.

Next Friday evening Mr. Bowser is due to speak in Vancouver and later it is proposed to stage a grand Conservative rally at New Westminster at which Hon. Simon F. Tolmie, former Federal Minister of Agriculture, and now chairman of the Federal Conservative organization committee, and Hon. Mr. H. H. Stevens will attend and speak.

About 400,000 persons traveled by automobile in visiting national parks in the western part of the United States in the Summer of 1922.

BUILDING TOTAL BEATS LAST YEAR

PERMITS AGGREGATE $16,202 MORE THAN IN 1922

Number of Permits, However, Not So Large—December Total Less Than Last Lear

Building permits this year total $16,202 more than those of 1922, figures issued at the City Hall yesterday show.

In twelve months 396 permits have been issued, toalling $1,049,206, as compared with 451 permits last year amounting to $1,033,004.

In December 18 permits, totaling $27,015 were issued, as compared with seven, aggregating $32,000 in the same month last year.

Permits for the new Bank of Nova Scotia Building, the addition to the Bank of Montreal on Douglas Street, the new C.P.R. dock terminal building, and the Memorial Hall of the Anglican Cathedral were principally responsible for the showing made this year.

TUBERCULOUS VETS GUESTS AT BANQUET

President Harrison Presents Victoria Women's Institute With Jardinieres at Fete

A banquet in honor of members of the Tubercular Veterans' Association was held on Friday evening, December 28, under the auspices of the Tubercular Committee of the Victoria Women's Institute, and convened by Mrs. Palmer.

Mr. Harrison, president of the Association, who officiated as chairman and addressed the gathering, stressed on the importance of the lecture on "Tuberculosis," to be given here on January 3 by Sheriff Cook, of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Harrison, on the behalf of T.V.A., presented the Women's Committee with a pair of handsome brass jardinieres, suitably inscribed. Mrs. Crocker, convener of the committee, responded.

An enjoyable programme of music, songs and recitations was rendered. Among the artists taking part were: Mrs. J. B. Meston, Miss K. Palmer, Mr. T. S. Blair, Comrades Waterson, Maycock, Bannatyne, and Thomson.

The committee appreciate and wish to thank Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. A. M. Davis, David Spencer, Ltd., P. Burns & Co., Ltd., F. Baines of Lilley's Confectionery; Mr. Rogers, confectioner; Masters' Bakery, and Weiler Bros., Ltd., for their generous gifts.

ELECTRIC COMPANY ADDS TO SERVICES

Business of Year Calls for Additional Gas and Light Connections—Huge Sum Spent in City

The record of the B. C. Electric Railway Company for the year 1923 is one of encouragement for the city and environs. During the year it was found necessary to make extensions to the power and light lines. As a result there are now 16,287 light and power customers on the Island.

The extensions that have been made this year represent an expenditure of $36,500. The distribution system now is represented by 75 miles of high tension transmission lines and 235 miles of distribution wires throughout the city and the other territory served by the company.

The power generated by the company totalled 47,483,512 kilowatt hours, which is equivalent to about 63,000,000 horse power hours of electrical energy.

In the matter of gas there has been quite an increase during the last year in the demands upon the company and many new services were added, while there are requests for still further extensions in this line. The company has now fifty-four miles of gas mains in the city. The consumption in this line for the year amounted to 94,000,000 cubic feet, which represents a consumption of 5,630 tons of coal.

With respect to the employment of labor, the company during the year has had about 400 men regularly on the payroll. This represented an expenditure of about half a million dollars that was circulated through the medium of wages in the city.

In the matter of supplies and equipment that were required continuously through the year there was expended another half million dollars, which, for the most part, was expended locally.

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PIRATES of the accepted sort are a hairy set of ruffians, hung about with weapons and redolent of rum and rude oaths. You would not have taken Captain Hayes, "that gentlemanly man," for a pirate. He certainly wore a beard, but it was a nice silky well-combed, meticulously trimmed brown beard. He wore the clothes of a gentleman and he talked the talk of a gentleman. When the dirty work of the profession had to be done (and Captain Hayes was the last man to shirk it), you could always rely on his emulating Mr. Niel Lyons' Joe Golightly and "very politely" stabbing his victim in the spine or pushing him in the brine.

Hardly anyone in Britain has heard of Captain Hayes, but although he was knocked on the head by a mate fifty years ago, his name is familiar on every coral island of the Pacific. Many a South Sea island has never heard of Mr. Lloyd George, but none is ignorant of "that gentlemanly man" whose exploits for twenty years set Oceania by the ears.

Stole His Brig

What he was up to before 1858 it is impossible to discover. Probably no one in the South knows, for though refined geniality incarnate, he was never communicative about himself. Anyhow, he landed from the S.S. Orestes at Honolulu in 1858, and early in 1859, equipped with fifty dollars that he had borrowed from a missionary, the Rev. Damon, he took a passage to San Francisco. A few weeks later he sailed into the little cove of Kahului, on the Hawaiian island of Maui, in charge of a brig bound for New Caledonia. He tried to pick up a cargo of cattle. Sheriff Treadway promptly rowed out in a little boat and arrested him for having omitted to call first at the custom-house at Lahaina.

Pay or Row

Apologizing for having been mislaid by his mate, he set sail for Lahiana with the sheriff on board. Ten miles out at sea he courteously gave Mr. Treadway the choice of paying his passage on to New Caledonia or rowing home. He chose the latter alternative. Captain Hayes leaning over the taffrail and smiling at him as he started. At about this time a warrant for Captain Hayes's arrest arrived in Honolulu from San Francisco, where, it appeared, he had stolen his brig and fitted her out without bothering to pay any bills.

The brig never reached New Caledonia. She ran on to a reef outside Wallace's Island, and Hayes, with a boatload of his favorite men, reached the Navigators' Isles. He next turned up at Batavia, as captain of a barque, and had loaded a cargo of coffee for Europe when the Dutch East India Company got wind of his reputation. He let them unload her, but he stuck to the charter fee.

Clever Ruse

Presently he sailed into Hong Kong and collected a cargo of Chinese coolies for Melbourne. On the way he heard from a passing ship that a £10 landing tax had been imposed on each coolie. Arrived a few miles off Melbourne, he opened his sea-cocks and hoisted distress signals. Two salvage tugs responded. They found his vessel half full of water and urged him to leave her. But he persisted that he would stand by the ship and work her in.

No sooner had he watched, with sweet satisfaction, the tugs disappear landward with all the coolies (each representing a liability of £10) than he pumped out the water and vamoosed.

Not long afterwards he collected another cargo of coolies from a China port (and the £10 Australian landing-tax for each), took them to Hong Kong, "angled" their naturalization in that British Crown Colony, and brazenly managed to land them in Australia as British subjects.

Blackbirding

There followed some years of mysterious South Pacific "trading" and raiding, in the best Elizabethan tradition. One fine day he rashly put into Upolu, the port of Samoa, and the British Consul promptly arrested him. He submitted with good grace and charming nonchalance. His luck was in, for just then his old friend Captain Ben Pease happened to arrive on a fast little brig. Obtaining permission to take his chronometers aboard the Leonora one evening for readjustment, he was missing from Samoa in the morning. So was the Leonora. When the brig got to Shanghai, Hayes, backed up by members of the crew whom he had bribed, swore to an affidavit that he owned her, and Captain Pease was gaoled. He refitted and filled up with stores, paying cash for nothing but a spare mainyard, and slipped down the river out to sea.

Sold Whole Cargo

At Saigon, in Cochin, China, he got a charter to take rice to Hong Kong and intermediate ports. At the first intermediate port he went ashore with the owner of the rice. Promptly giving him the slip, he slipped on board again and put out to sea, subsequently turning up in Siam, where he sold the whole cargo for a good sum at Bangkok, and prudently applied a considerable part of the proceeds to having the Leonora copper-bottomed. He cut things pretty fine, for, unknown to either of them at the time, the very night he sailed out of port again for the Pacific, an incoming mail steamer was bringing in the owner of the rice.

Marooned

A few weeks later Captain Hayes met with an unfortunate contretemps. His mate marooned him on an island. Was Captain Hayes downhearted? Not a bit of it. He "found salvation," and an American mission gave him the command of a missionary schooner. He fared forth on her, threw the harmonium and the Bibles and hymn-books overboard, and returned to lucrative piracy.

While bathing on the beach at Guam, however, he was arrested by the Spanish officials and sent for trial at Manila. Here, when in imminent danger of being garrotted for a number of murders and piracies, he managed to "get round" the powerful Roman Catholic hierarchy, became reconverted and disappeared. He turned up again in San Francisco, again stole a vessel—a smart schooner, the Lotus—and was off again, down to the South Seas.

Charms Pursuers

Once he was caught by the U.S. patrol ship Narragansett, but he got on so well with the officers and made so favorable an impression on her commander, Captain Meade, that he was released while still at sea, on account of insufficient evidence, and had the exquisite satisfaction of receiving a gift of new sails and gear at the expense of the Government, which had such a heavy score marked up against him.

Essence of Refinement

Captain Hayes was always refined in his methods. When the time came to knock senseless and marooned on a coral island the Frenchman from whom he had bought an interest in the schooner Giovanni Apiani, he chose a moment when the hapless fellow was eloquently admiring the loveliness of an atoll past which they were sailing. He then came up softly behind him and tickled him behind the ear with a feather from his wife's hat. As the Frenchman turned, after vainly trying to brush it away, "that gentlemanly man" felled him with a terrific blow on the forehead.

Knocked on Head

Captain Hayes' career was terminated not by the hangman, the garrotter, or by the firing squad, nor yet by shark or typhoon. A worm turned. He was knocked on the head by a mate driven to resperation by his refinements of brutality.

Captain Robinson, Earthquake Hero, Is Awarded O.B.E.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Captain Samuel Robinson, R.N.R., the Vancouver shipmaster who won such fame at the time of the Japanese earthquake by skilful navigation of the Empress of Australia at Yokohama, has been made a commander of the Order of the British Empire, according to a wire from Montreal, headquarters of the Canadian Pacific.

Captain Robinson does not take all the credit to himself. He has publicly paid tribute to the efficient work of his staff.

"YES; WE HAD A NICE CHRISTMAS"

First Mate Hoffman Grows Ironic in Describing Eventful Voyage of the Schooner Monterey, Lumber Carrier

SHIP BATTLES GALE ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

Engines Save Ship From Destruction, Then Break Down—Tinned Beef for Dinner—Everything Happened

"DID we have a nice trip? Say! What the —. Why, if I thought you could swim I'd feel like having you thrown over the side. Did we have a nice trip? Ye-es—and we had a lovely Christmas, too, oh! a lovely Christmas!"

First Mate Hoffman, of the three-masted auxiliary cruiser Monterey, which docked at the Outer Wharf on Saturday morning from San Francisco, gazed at his questioner with a look in which were plainly blended both pity and scorn—the same subtle mixture which marks the glance of a Manhattan policeman at a visitor from Mud Centre, who asks him, "Is this really New York?"

Big and burly, deep-chested and lion-voiced, First Mate Heffman is by no means an inconsiderable man. His physique admirably equips him for the role of bucko mate in some yarn of Jack London, quelling a mutinous crew with trip-hammer blows from flailing fists. When heavily charged with sarcasm, his voice is hardly one by which timid maiden aunts could be put at their ease at a "tea fight."

Thus it was to his everlasting credit that The Colonist man stood his ground. Finally, gazing at some prime sides of beef and No. 1 legs of mutton coming over the ship's side—the significance of this was apparent later—Mr. Hoffman relented somewhat and, bit by bit, the story came out.

"Everything that is possible to happen to a self-respecting ship happened to us this trip," he began.

"We hadn't been two days out from 'Frisco when every silly cylinder head on the 320-horsepower Diesels had cracked. Then we found water in the fuel oil. There was nothing else to do but to turn back, so we put about and headed for 'Frisco again.

"Well—we started out afresh and—hey you! What are you doing with that sack of coal?"

However much startled, the interviewer had the sense to realize that the hollow was directed to one of a number of dusky-skinned individuals cluttering the deck with coal.

"Is that your crew?" he ventured to query.

"Crew — crew? — them's monkeys! That's what they are — monkeys! Thirteen of them and only three sailors in the lot. No wonder we lost a foresail on Christmas Eve!"

The monkeys, it developed, were a crew of New Caledonians picked up by the ship at the French penal settlement on the island. When the Monterey had reached the Washington coast she ran suddenly, with all sails set, into the same furious gale that sank the Tyee in Feddar Bay, and nearly sealed the doom of the Author.

While the ship heeled over to the blast, a lee shore, envenomed with rocks scarcely eight miles away, the South Sea Islanders strove to take in the canvas. But, accustomed to the heat of a tropical sun, and strangers to the cruel cold of the North Pacific's Winter gales, they were hardly left in command of their bodies. Chilled to the bone, their fingers numbed by the driving wind and the cutting sleet they could not get the port foresail in fast enough. Thus, rent into shreads, it was carried away.

"They were cold—the poor beggars," said Mate Hoffman.

Finally the schooner was brought around and headed as much off shore as possible. Continuously huge seas were breaking over her, now engulfing the ship, now pitching and tossing her as though she were the plaything of some delighted child. Only her two small engines saved her from being driven to destruction on the rocks—the same two small engines that had broken down once, and might break down again.

All Christmas Eve and all Christmas Day the Monterey fought the gale and then, as it began to moderate, and she was safe from the danger of the lee shore, the port engine stopped because of over-heated bearings, and a little later, the compressor valve broke on the starboard engine, and it stopped, too, with a cylinder head blown off.

"Oh yes, I guess we were luckily, all right," agreed First Mate Hoffman. Then, pointing to an inoffensive-looking Chinaman, shuffling along the deck with a can of garbage, "See that?" he demanded. "Well, that's a cook. Do you know what we had for Christmas dinner? No? Well, I'll tell you. We had tinned beef! Yes, sir, tinned beef and nothing else. Not that we hadn't good provisions on the ship. We had lots of good things to eat—turkey and everything. But that thing simply could not cook them. What wasn't spoilt by seas coming aboard was ruined on the galley stove.

"Yes, we had a lovely Christmas all right—see that spar there? We were shifting it on Christmas Eve. A big sea came aboard, lifted it up and, knocking me over, flopped it down on top of me. The next sea lifted it off again and I crawled from under. I couldn't walk for two days."

The Monterey went on to Genoa Bay, arriving on Sunday, to load lumber for Samoa, Fiji and other South Sea Island points. Registered in Panama, she is the first vessel in many years to bring the flag of that country into Victoria waters. She is owned by the J. Davenport Motorship Company, of San Francisco.

CARGOES MUST SAIL IN BRITISH SHIPS

Canadian Freight Via New York Must Be Carried Under Flag of Empire According to Customs Act

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—"Except as otherwise ordered, goods in transfer from one part of Canada to another, wholly or partly by water carriage through the United States, shall be transported in British registered vessels, and a customs manifest, and the transfer of such goods from car to vessel, or vice versa, shall be made in the presence of a special officer of the Canadian customs and be certified by him."

Thus reads the Canadian Act in relation to special customs officers such as that at New York. It means, that unless Ottawa gives special permission to foreign ships, it will be necessary for Canadian shippers, via New York to this port, to book space on the various British lines that will be offering. These are the Dingwall-Cotts service with the Margaret Coughlan, the Kirkwood Company, the Donaldson Line, and perhaps the Canadian Government ships.

INTO DRYDOCK

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 31.—The steamer Canadian Highlander, of the C.G.M.M., has arrived here from the Orient and will go into drydock prior to loading 600,000 feet of baby squares. The Highlander sailed from Kobe on December 11.

MORE HALIBUT

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 31.—Twenty-nine million pounds of halibut were landed at this port during the year, with the figures for the month of December incomplete. This total is considerably in excess of the 1922 catch.

Says Ideal Cities Are Nothing But Dream

Japanese Government Leaves Rebuilding of Tokio and Yokohama to Individual Initiative, Declares Traveler From Orient—Regulations Mean Flimsy Structures—Four Posts and Sheets of Corrugated Iron—Kobe Strives to Capture Business

A NEW Tokio and a new Yokohama, ultra-modern, built for the Government of Japan by the most eminent electrical and mechanical engineers in the world in collaboration with town-planning experts and scenic artists, ideal cities, rising Phoenix-like from the devastation left by the earthquake at a cost of $250,000,000.

This was the vision of reconstruction brought from the Orient by enthusiastic travelers arriving in the city recently.

But, according to Mr. Harold M. Tuska, of A. T. Tuska & Co., New York importing firm, who returned on Sunday on board the Admiral-Oriental liner President Jackson, from a two-months' trip of investigation in Japan, it is nothing but a beautiful chimera of the imagination, a figment of the fancy arising from the first burst of fanatical enthusiasm that followed the great disaster.

"On the contrary," said Mr. Tuska to The Colonist, when told of the glowing accounts heard here, "the government of Japan doesn't seem to be doing a thing. It is nothing but a dream. What little is being done, is the result of individual initiative, and that is really wonderful. In the past few weeks innumerable long barrack-like buildings have been erected by private individuals. But the government has participated in this only to the extent of imposing building regulations.

"And as a result of these regulations," he went on, "such buildings as are under construction, are of the flimsiest nature imaginable. Simply four posts stuck in the ground with sheets of corrugated iron for walls and roof.

"You are permitted to put up only a temporary structure, on the understanding that the government gives you undisputed possession for three years. At the end of that period it may step in and run a new street through it and commandeer your land giving you a small specified sum for the whole of your property. If you have erected a large modern structure at considerable cost, the government will not reimburse you commensurately. You will receive only the specified sum.

Build at Own Risk

"Thus you put up a building really worth while entirely at your own risk, and consequently the building going on in Tokio and Yokohama today is solely temporary."

Calling to mind the havoc wrought by the quake on the fine big hotels of Yokohama, Mr. Tuska stated that thirty-five to forty-five bodies still remain unrecovered in the ruins of the Oriental Hotel; and that no one knows just how many are buried beneath the wreckage of the Grand Hotel. No attempts, he said, have been made to excavate for them.

Mr. Tuska was profoundly impressed by the unrelenting intensity of business competition in Japan, and by the unchivalrous attitude of the industrial men of Kobe, little damaged by the earthquake, to their stricken rivals in Yokohama. Kobe, he said, had made strenuous efforts to capture and hold the latter city's raw silk and silk piece goods business. He drew a contrast between this and the conduct of the Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles business men who refrained from exploiting the helpless condition of San Francisco when striving to recover from the effects of her demolition by fire and earthquake.

"The efforts of the Kobe business men are not meeting with success, however," said Mr. Tuska. "It may safely be predicted that within three months, Yokohama will have regained ninety per cent of her silk industry. At the present moment, seventy-five per cent of the manufacturers who established offices in Kobe right after the earthquake have returned to Yokohama."

Importing firms who once maintained branch offices in Tokio, are now reluctant to return to Yokohama, Mr. Tuska stated. Instead, they are setting up their main offices in the capital, and contenting themselves with branch offices in the city formerly their headquarters.

"Business is rotten in Japan," said Mr. Tuska, when questioned on that subject, "mainly because labor is demanding high prices and giving very little in return. Wages are now within twenty per cent of the peak reached during the war, though just prior to the earthquake there was a marked downward trend."

Prices Increase

Prices of commodities, he declared, showed a rather alarming rise. Since the middle of October they have risen from five to fifteen per cent. But the manufacturers were not profiteering, he thought, for their production costs have increased from ten to twenty-five per cent, more because of the cost of labor than because of the scarcity of materials.

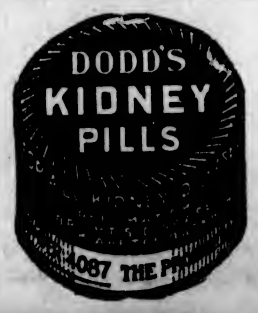
Food, he said, and all other necessities of life appear to exist in abundant quantities.

Mr. Tuska reported a situation rather interesting economically, in the labor market. Before the disaster, child labor laws were ignored, and women worked beside men in the various industries. Now, however, child labor has disappeared, and women have largely left industrial work in spite of the fact that high wages prevail.

He accounted for this by the fact that the standard of living has risen in Japan. Now that their husbands earn big money, he said, Japanese women, like their Western sisters, refuse to labor for a weekly pay check, but prefer, rather, to serve in the role of housewife alone.

In Sunday's gale, the quarantine officials experienced the utmost difficulty in boarding the President Jackson at William Head.

The vessel carried a record silk cargo, valued at $9,000,000, for transshipment East from Seattle. At Victoria she discharged only a small consignment of freight.



PRESIDENT OF C.P.R. ISSUES GREETINGS

E. W. Beatty Sends Best Wishes for New Year to Employees of the Great Railway Company

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has issued his annual New Year message to all officers and employees of the system, as follows:

"The ideals of courtesy and efficiency on which Canadian Pacific service is based have been maintained to the fullest extent during the past year, and I desire, on behalf of the management and of myself, to think all officers and employees for their remarkable record.

"The great harvest of the West and the prospects for increased immigration justify us in anticipating continued prosperity for 1924.

"That prosperity depends so much on adequate and efficient transportation that it behooves every one of us to strain every effort to meet the anticipated demands of the public.

"The closing month of the year that has passed was saddened by the death of our chairman, the late Lord Shaughnessy, to whose forty years of splendid service the established strength and world-wide growth of the Canadian Pacific Railway are largely due. His magnificent achievement should be an inspiration to all of us in the years to come.

"I extend to all of you and to the members of your families my best wishes for a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and health."

SEATTLE STEVEDORES ARE GIVEN INCREASE

Longshoremen Get Raise of Twelve and One-Half Per Cent in Wages First of Year

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Fifteen hundred warehouse men and stevedores employed on the Seattle waterfront January 1 will receive an increase of 12½ per cent in wages, granted by the Waterfront Employers' Union and the Port of Seattle Commission, it was announced yesterday afternoon. The advance has been granted to meet the scale of wages in San Francisco and Portland, where warehouse men and stevedores recently were given an increase. The old scale is still in effect in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.

Warehouse men who have been receiving 70 cents an hour for working regular time, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., under the new scale will receive 80 cents an hour.

Stevedores who have been receiving 80 cents an hour for working regular time, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., under the new scale will receive 90 cents an hour.

Wages of warehouse men fielween the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. and on Sundays and holidays will be advanced from $1.05 to $1.20 an hour.

Wages of stevedores between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. and on Sundays and holidays will be advanced from $1.20 to $1.35 an hour.

An officer of a stevedoring company yesterday estimated that the average wage of warehouse men and stevedores is about $5 a day and that the new wage scale would increase the Seattle waterfront payroll from $20,000 to $30,000 a month.

C.P.R. WILL PRESENT NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Announcement regarding the conditions of two free scholarships in McGill University offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was made Saturday at the head office, Montreal, in a circular issued over the signature of Mr. Grant Hall, vice-president. The scholarships cover four years tuition in architecture, civil, mechanical or electrical engineering at McGill University, and are offered subject to competitive examination to apprentices and other employees of the company under twenty years of age, and to minor sons of employees. Examinations will be held at the University, Montreal, and at other centres throughout Canada in June, 1924. During the current year two scholarships were also offered and made available for the University of Montreal to French-speaking employees. It is the intention of the company to increase the number of scholarships available for the French-speaking candidates to four, under conditions similar to those which prevail for the scholarships offered at McGill University.

BUSINESS OF PORT DOUBLES IN 1923

EXPORT AND IMPORT FIGURES REVEAL GREAT INCREASE

Victoria's Shipping Business Grows in 1923—Statistics Encouraging for the Future

Estimates of the rail and water shipments of lumber from Victoria mills, compiled by Mr. J. D. Kissenger, manager of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, place the export figure for the past year at from 115 to 120 million feet. The increase shown over the record for last year may be ascribed to the big demand for Japanese squares, following the devastation caused by the earthquake disaster in the Oriental country.

As a consequence largely of the boom in the lumber business, export tonnage for 1923 rose to 70,882 tons, as against 34,082 for the preceding year. This means that the export business from Victoria has increased by over 100 per cent in one year.

The importing side of Victoria's business has more than doubled also, according to the figures issued yesterday. In 1923, 55,946 tons of cargo were brought in from foreign ports, as against 25,393 tons during the year 1922.

As Victoria's chief commodity for export is lumber, and the demand for this in all ports of the world is either steady or on the increase, it may safely be predicted that at the end of 1924 statistics will reveal that the amazing growth in shipping business this year has been duplicated.

If the Ogden Point lumber assembly plant plan is carried to maturity up-island lumber will be shipped from Victoria in ever increasing quantities. The effect of this will undoubtedly be reflected in the general prosperity of the city.

A comparison of the figures between 1922 and 1922 follows: The 1923 figures are: Ships inward, coastwise, 2,882, tonnage 2,143,232; ships outward, coastwise 3,197, tonnage 1,930,911; ships inward from sea in ballast 1,460, tonnage 944,700; ships inward from sea with cargo 1,725, tonnage 1,690,330, cargo 55,946 tons; ships outward to sea in ballast 1,569, tonnage 1,680,169; ships outward to sea with cargo 1,389, tonnage 1,035,833, cargo 70,882 tons.

Last year's figures were: Inwards, coastwise, 2,673 vessels, tonnage 2,253,855; outward, coastwise, 2,796, tonnage 1,869,964; inward from sea with cargo 1,053, tonnage 1,510,764, cargo 25,393 tons; inwards from sea in ballast 1,079, tonnage 1,051,446; outward to sea with cargo 1,129, tonnage 1,140,662, cargo 34,092 tons; outward to sea in ballast 1,003 vessels, tonnage 1,305,734.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIP RADIO REPORTS
(By Canadian Government Wireless)
Positions at 6 P.M., Dec. 31

CANADIAN IMPORTER, Vancouver to Auckland, 341 miles southwest of Flattery.
WEST CADRON, Shanghai for Seattle, 185 miles from Seattle.
BEARPORT, Tsingtau for Seattle, 815 miles from Seattle.
AALSUM, Manila for Vancouver, 140 miles southwest of Kinvan.
EASTERN GALE, San Francisco for Victoria, 319 miles south of Victoria at noon.
WILLHILO left San Francisco at 5:15 p.m. for Seattle.
STIKELSTAD, Vancouver for Yokohama, passing Tatoosh.
CANADIAN VOLUNTEER, Astoria for San Pedro, 450 miles from San Pedro.
MINDELTA, 136 miles south of the Columbia River.
EL CEDRO, San Pedro for Vancouver, 184 miles from Vancouver.
CAPT. A. F. LUCAS, San Francisco for Richmond, 685 miles from Richmond.
EL SEGUNDO, El Segundo for Point Wells, 395 miles from Point Wells.
CHARLIE WATSON, Willbridge for Seattle, 185 miles from Seattle.
ROBERT JOHNSON, San Francisco for Newport, 155 miles south of Newport.
ANYOX left Ladysmith at 2:30 p.m. for Hobber Bay.

TIDES AT VICTORIA
JANUARY

Day	Time, H. M.	Ht. Ft.	Time, H. M.	Ht. Ft.	Time, H. M.	Ht. Ft.	Time, H. M.	Ht. Ft.
1	2:55	5.7	9:52	9.8	17:26	8.8	.....	.....
2	0:48	6.6	3:40	6.8	10:20	9.5	18:20	8.7
3	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:10	9.5	19:15	8.8
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	11:51	9.3	19:54	8.8
5	0:52	6.1	7:24	8.1	12:32	10.0	20:38	8.7
6	1:54	6.4	8:28	8.1	13:12	9.9	21:17	8.6
7	2:25	6.5	9:18	8.1	13:50	9.8	21:55	8.4
8	2:49	6.5	10:12	8.0	14:24	9.7	22:35	8.4
9	3:06	6.5	11:09	7.9	14:57	9.4	23:18	8.1
10	3:25	6.7	12:24	7.9	15:40	7.7	.....	.....
11	0:03	3.9	7:44	8.5	14:00	6.8	16:40	6.9
12	0:41	3.9	8:13	8.6	14:24	6.7	18:35	6.1
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17	.....	.....	11:41	8.9	19:49	3.6	.....	.....
18	.....	.....	12:14	9.0	20:32	3.1	.....	.....
20	6:42	8.5	7:55	8.5	12:08	9.1	20:43	1.7
21	6:58	8.3	8:49	8.5	13:46	9.1	21:13	1.6
22	7:01	8.2	5:23	8.0	14:41	8.8	21:47	1.6
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The Time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The Height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower Low Water.

Equimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the drydock at any tide, add 18.5 feet to the height of High Water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
JANUARY

Time of Sunrise and Sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of January, 1924:

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	8:08	4:37	17	8:00	4:47
2	8:06	4:38	18	7:59	4:49
3	8:06	4:39	19	7:58	4:50
4	8:06	4:30	20	7:57	4:52
5	8:05	4:31	21	7:56	4:52
6	8:05	4:32	22	7:55	4:55
7	8:05	4:35	23	7:54	4:56
8	8:03	4:34	24	7:53	4:53
9	8:03	4:35	25	7:51	4:59
10	8:02	4:27	26	7:51	5:01
11	8:04	4:38	27	7:50	5:02
12	8:04	4:40	28	7:49	5:04
13	8:03	4:41	29	7:47	5:05
14	8:03	4:42	30	7:46	5:07
15	8:02	4:41	31	7:45	5:08
16	8:01	4:46			

The Meteorological Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

Shipping Calendar

To Arrive

President Jackson, from Yokohama, Dec. 28.
Empress of Australia, from Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Achilles, from Yokohama, Jan. 8.
Colonial, from Liverpool, Jan. 20.
Arabia Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 9.
Spectator, from Liverpool, Jan. 26.
Manila Maru, from Yokohama, Feb. 1.
Niagara, from Sydney, Feb. 2.

To Sail

Shidzuoka Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Alhabama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 3.
Empress of Australia, for Yokohama, Jan. 18.
Antenor, for Liverpool, Jan. 12.
Yokohama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 23.
Arabia Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 24.

VANBUREN, Ark., Dec. 31.—Sheriff A. D. Maxey, of Crawford County, successfully evaded more than 100 men congregated near the jail and disappeared from town with three negroes, who, it is believed, have confessed implication in the death of Mrs. Robert Latimer, who was killed in her home near here yesterday.

SEA GULLS SHOW DISAPPROVAL BY DESERTING SHIP

That sea gulls have musical discrimination has been proved by an incident which Captain T. J. Maclean of the steamer Rose City recently witnessed. Two gulls which had followed the boat up and down the coast between Portland and Seattle quit the boat when the whistle was changed.

FUTURE NAVAL VISITOR FAST

CINCINNATI HITS UP 34-KNOT CLIP IN STRAITS

Sister Ship of Omaha Here Last Summer Will Be Just as Speedy Vessel

TACOMA, Friday, Dec. 31.—The U.S.S. Cincinnati, third of a trio of scout cruisers completed for the United States Navy by the Todd Drydock & Construction Company in Tacoma, left her finishing docks at 8 o'clock this morning on her official trial voyage and speed tests in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The Acceptance Board is composed of Capt. D. W. Blanier, Capt. D. C. Nutting and Com. J. C. Fisher. On the trip also are Lieut.-Commander J. G. B. Gromer, Capt. L. Shane and Com. J. W. Woodruff.

It is confidently expected that the fine records made by the other two scout cruisers, the Omaha and Milwaukee, will be equalled by the Cincinatti, if not beaten. The Omaha and Milwaukee were turned out at the Todd plant here. On her builders' trial run, December 20, the Cincinnati made a speed of better than 34 knots—nearly as great as the speed of the Omaha and Milwaukee on their acceptance trials.

Capt. C. P. S. Nelson, U.S.N., is to command the Cincinnati when she is commissioned. With his men—who later will form the vessel's complement—he watched the performance of the ship on her trial run today in the strait with more than ordinary interest. There were 192 men of Captain Nelson's command on the vessel today. However, they are not taking an active part in the vessel's navigation.

Capt. John Bulong, veteran Puget Sound pilot, in charge of the other scout cruisers on their trial runs, piloted the Cincinnati today. The beautiful ship proceeded at nominal speed to Port Townsend, and from that point westward she was put through speed tests in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Good Navy Available For $750,000, Claims Australian Cabinet

MELBOURNE, Dec. 31.—The cabinet estimates that an appropriation of £750,000 a year will provide an adequate Australian navy without imposing any daditional taxes on the Australian people.

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The Colonist's Pictorial Page

How would you like to meet this gentleman on a lonely road? He is a native warrior of the South Sea Islands in full war regalia that is put on when the wild men go forth to battle

This remarkable photograph shows F. B. Rees after he was thrown from Dash-O-White at the first hurdle in the Barnes Three-Year-Old Hurdle Race at Kempton Park, England, recently

This dancer of the Island of Bali in the south seas only displays her talents upon formal occasions that take place on the island

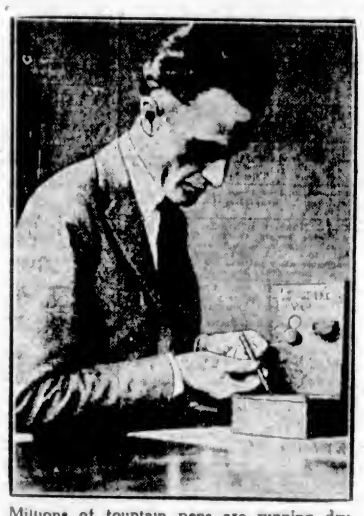
Although ill in bed, Rev. J. L. Zengirth, of Philadelphia, delivered his regular Sunday morning sermon to his congregation. Radio was brought into use and his message was heard by means of amplifiers in the church

Mashers of New York must beware else this special squad of women detectives will hale them before a magistrate to explain their street flirtations with beautiful girls

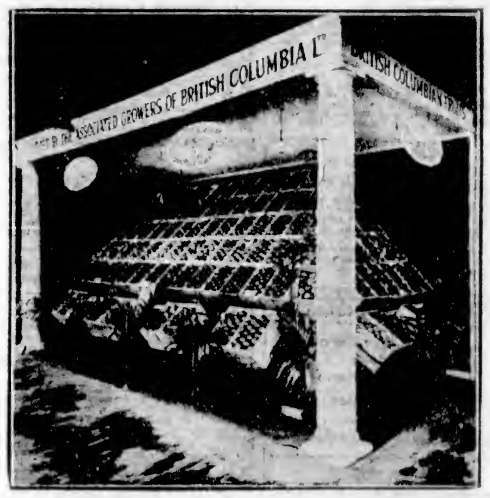
"Silent Night, Holy Night," being sung by the renowned boys' choir of St. Thomas' Church, N.Y. This choir, which has been acclaimed one of the finest of its kind, is rehearsing hymns for the Christmas holidays

Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, and her husband, Mr. Seton, photographed just before she sailed for India to hunt big game. Both of them are well-known writers, naturalists and lecturers. Mr. Seton is to join his wife later

Now that the windy days of winter are approaching some hat models are being patterned so as to form a windshield while motoring. This one is made of mica and felt



Millions of fountain pens are running dry daily. The newest invention is this—by means of inserting a penny into the slot your pen can be refilled. The inventor is a Chicago University student



Apples exhibited by the Associated Growers of British Columbia took high standing at the Imperial Fruit Show held at Manchester recently

A judicial air, stern and sedate, is the mien adopted by these Stanley cranes, which are among the newcomers at the Zoological Gardens in London, England

Dr. William Marx, appointed new chanceller of Germany, has recently opened direct negotiations with Paris on the reparations question. He is the Centrist leader and already his cabinet has been practically completed

This picturesque snow scene was taken at Klosters, Switzerland, one of the winter playgrounds of European society. Groups are seen leaving church after the morning service

Flo Leeds, prominent in the Stillman case, is at work in a Fifth avenue woman's apparel shop. After she secured her position she wrote to Mrs. Stillman, soliciting her patronage

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

DEATHS

PRIOR—On December 30, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, of 1022 Balmoral Road, Henry Augustus Prior, aged 80 years; born in Surrey, England, and a resident of this city for the past 20 years. The deceased is survived by, besides his daughter, Mrs. Levy, two sons, Messrs. George William and Thomas Prior, of this city.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 2, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

MILLER—On December 31, 1923, at 725 Queen's Avenue, Mrs. Jessie Sarah Miller, aged 33 years; born in Halstock, Dorset, England. She is survived by her husband and also one daughter, Muriel, living at home.

The funeral will take place at the above address on Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 2 o'clock. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate. Interment will be at Ross Bay Cemetery, and it is requested that no flowers be sent.

IN MEMORIAM

Oh! we miss him, and how sadly,
Bleeding hearts alone can tell;
Earth hath lost him, Heaven has found him,
Jesus has done all things well.
No earthly clinging—no lingering gaze,
No strife at parting—no sore amaze;
But sweetly, gently, he passed away
From the world's dim twilight to endless day.

DENHOLME—In loving memory of John Robert Denholme, who passed away at Royston, Vancouver Island, B.C., Jan. 5, 1922.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 1

A REWARD of ten dollars will be paid by the undersigned for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who broke the glass in the window in the premises at the corner of Haultain and Belmont Avenue, on the morning of December 28. H. Norman.

DON'T forget masquerade dance, Caledonia Hall, tonight, Jan. 1st. Tickets $1, including supper. Ozard's orchestra, 9-1.

HARD Times dance, Strawberry Vale Hall, Wednesday, January 2, 9 to 12.00. Kinloch's 4-piece orchestra.

MILITARY 500 and Dance, Conservative Rooms, Campbell Building, Thursday, January 3rd, 8:30 sharp. 14 scrip prizes and 10 free tombolas, including five fat turkeys and five chickens. Mrs. Gleeson's orchestra. All for 50c.

MRS. WINCH has removed from Pandora Ave. to Quadra Apartments, Suite 3, corner Fort and Quadra. Phone 7974L.

MRS. ALAN HORSFIELD, A.R.C.M., A.G.S.M., gold medalist, London, England, pianoforte teacher, 1129 N. Hampshire Road. Phone 5047Y1.

MILITARY 500 and dance, Caledonia Hall, Wednesday, January 2. 14 scrip prizes; 3 large fat turkeys given as tombolas. Pindler's orchestra. 8:30. 35c.

NO. 33, Daughters St. George—All sisters who can are asked to attend the funeral of Mr. Prior on Wednesday, 2:30 o'clock.

V.A.S.C.—The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, January 2, at 8 o'clock. Business: Nomination of officers. A large attendance is requested.

WANTED—MALE HELP 2

CANVASSERS, Province agents and distributors; big profits. New, exceptionally useful, necessary household article; every home buys several. Handycap Co., 84 Park Place, Newark, N.J.

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MAKE money at home, $15 to $60 paid weekly for your spare time writing show cards for us. No canvassing. We instruct you and supply you with work. West Angus Showcard Service, 39 Colborne Bldg., Toronto.

OLD-ESTABLISHED life assurance company requires agent for Victoria and district. Attractive contract to capable men. Apply Box 7167, Colonist.

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP 3

AFTER CHRISTMAS, WHAT?

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GIRL for general housework, fond of children; North Quadra district. Phone 7309R2.

GOOD home for elderly lady in exchange for light services. Phone 3184.

GIRL wanted for store. Apply from 2 till 4 p.m. The Cable, 730 Fort St.

MOTHERLY lady, with experience, to care for healthy baby girl, 6 weeks old. Box 7056, Colonist.

RELIABLE woman for light housework and care of children. 147 St. Lawrence, after 6.

WANTED immediately—Girl for general housework at Lake Cowichan; good wages to suitable party. Phone 5337L.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; references required; good wages. Box 7048, Colonist.

WANTED—Girl for housework and care of children. Phone 3391Y1.

WILL give room and board in return for light services. Apply 155 Linden, mornings or evenings.

WIDOW woman, between 40 and 50, as housekeeper for working man, two of a family. Box 7080, Colonist.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE 4

ACCOUNTANT and auditor (F.C.A.A., England), will come in for hour or two at any time to write up or audit your books, low terms. Box X. O., Colonist.

ACCOUNTANT-BOOKKEEPER wants job; thoroughly experienced, general office, commercial, real estate, mining. Box 7057, Colonist.

WANTED—Job by a reliable man, steady or odd jobs. Phone 5406L.

WANTED—Steady work with 3½-ton Packard. Phone 6625O.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 5

CHAUFFEUSE, 10 years' experience, wishes situation, town or country; references. Box 7128, Colonist.

EXPERIENCED bookkeeper desires employment in office or store; excellent references. Box 7110, Colonist.

FINE lingerie, Jaeger's, curtains laundered. Silks tinted. Best work only. Phone 7018R.

GENERAL copying and authors' MSS. wanted by expert typist. Mrs. Noel, 611 View Street.

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LADY will give light services and a small payment for room and board in quiet home. Give particulars, Box 6442, Colonist.

POSITION in office wanted by bookkeeper, 10 years' practical experience. Box 7061, Colonist.

WIDOW (one child, 3) seeks engagement, capable cook and general worker; English, age 32. Mrs. L., Box 1, Marigold.

EDUCATIONAL 6

AN English teacher holds class for backward pupils (through sickness). Box 6477, Colonist.

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DR. J. B. HODGSON—Singing and piano. Koebe grand. 3113 Government St. 5749L.

ERNEST SEMPLE, violinist and teacher. 1346 Mitchell Street. Phone 8747.

E. W. HALSEY, teacher of cornet and all brass instruments, 2515 Rose St.

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A GOOD piano for quick sale, $75; a sacrifice. Phone 4700L. 1800 Gladstone.

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BARGAINS in good clean carpets and rugs for sale. Carpeteria Co., 931 Fort. Phone 7450.

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TO RENT—HOUSES 23

FOR Sale or Rent—Two quarter-acre lots (adjoining), two cottages; greenhouse, 40 x 10; conservatory, 60 x 6. Apply to D. Fraser, Colonist Office.

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TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES 26

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TO BE LET

DRAWING-ROOM, sitting-room, dining-room, hall and cloakroom, 6 bedrooms, maids' room; 2 bathrooms, large basement; hot water heating. Tennis lawn, kitchen garden, orchard. Two hundred and fifty feet waterfrontage. Garage for two cars.

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TO Let—Furnished house, with piano. Apply 457 Quebec Street, or telephone 938L.

5-ROOM fully furnished house at 634 John St., with garage and basement, $20 per month. Phone 7616L.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK 27

BUY LOCAL FRESH KILLED
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GEESE, CHICKENS AND DUCKS
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McLAUGHLIN Master Six, seven-passenger, in fine order	$695
DODGE Touring, 1920. A real good buy	$675
FORD Touring, 1921. One of the best	$395
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AUTOMOBILES 28 (Continued)

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1919 OVERLAND, model 90; was carefully driven	$450
1921 FORD touring, with shock-absorbers	$375

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HUDSON "6" for	$400
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5-PASSENGER electric brougham, with dynamo charging plant, in perfect running order, $400. Phone 6118L.

AUTOS FOR HIRE 30

C. C. SMITH taxi car; rates reasonable. Fort and Douglas. Phone 1738 or 61.

LOST AND FOUND 32

LOST—Monday, bracelet set with blue stones (present), either on Foul Bay car or town. Finder please phone 51 on Wednesday.

LOST—Pair gold-rimmed spectacles, either on Cook Street, Fairfield Road or street car. Phone 3090R. Reward.

LOST—Pocketbook, containing papers of no value except to owner. Return to Box 7150, Colonist. Reward.

LOST—A large brown striped cat, answers to name of "Tiger." Finder rewarded on returning to Capitol Theatre.

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LOST—Child's beaver fur, between Drysdale's and 15c Store. Finder please phone 6034X3.

LOST—In shopping district or jitney, brooch made of two dollar gold pieces. Please phone 7127R1. Reward.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 34

FOR SALE
SERVICE RIGHTS ON PREST-O-LITE GAS CYLINDERS
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ARE you looking for a good hotel proposition? We have a number of interesting offers. See our list. Crown Realty & Investment Co.

BAKERY for sale, up-island location, $800 cash, stock, fixtures, etc., for quick sale. Box 5296, Colonist.

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WE have client looking for a business on the Island Highway. If the price is reasonable and will stand up to investigation, send us particulars. Crown Realty & Investment Co.

A Mart for Busy Readers—House and Business Property for Sale and Exchange

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 34
(Continued)

NURSERY AND FLORAL BUSINESS

FOR Sale, as going concern, including good nursery and floral business, 20 acres good land, 6 acres cultivated, 10 acres in pasture, 100 fruit trees, 700 logan bushes and other small fruits, large apiary and equipment, 5 colonies of bees, small dwelling, lot of outbuildings, good water supply; also cow, 4 hogs, 100 chickens. Owner makes net income of $2,000 off property. Price $4,500, on terms

COUNTRY BUNGALOW

NEARLY new 5-roomed bungalow and 5½ acres on good road, close to Prospect Lake and Interurban. House is up-to-date, and has all conveniences, including electric light, open fireplace, hot and cold water, complete modern plumbing, basement, etc. Land is all cleared, few fruit trees. Brooder house, chicken house and runs for 500 birds. Price $4,200.

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$1000—TEAROOMS and confectionery business, on car line, central.
$1100—ROOMING HOUSE, near C.P.R. hotel and dock; nicely furnished.
$1750—DAIRY and milk business, utensils and car; rare bargain.
$2500—USED and new furniture business, well located; reasonable rent.
$2800—GOOD PAYING grocery business; no competition; cash trade. Price includes house, furniture, store and stock.
$3500—COUNTRY mercantile and grocery business, doing splendid, profitable trade, increasing monthly; no competition; low rent.
$4000—SPLENDID drygoods and ladies' furnishings and dressing requisites; modern fixtures; splendidly located; good, high-class trade.
$4200—BAKING and pastry business, centrally situated; showing big profits on investment; modern plant, including electric oven.
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SIDNEY EGG-LAYING CONTEST LAST WEEK

Pen Owned by Elderton Brothers, Royal Oak, Has Good Lead Over Competitors

Following is the report for the week ending December 26, Vancouver Island egg laying contest, conducted by the Dominion Experimental Station, Sidney. "W" gives the total weekly production for the pen, and column "T" the total number of eggs for the pen to date.

Experimental farm pens are entered for registration, and will not compete for any prizes that may be offered.

Week's production, 54.2 per cent.

Owner and Address	Breed	W.	T.
O. Thomas, Sidney	W.L.	30	232
P. G. Stebbings, Pender I.	W.W.	20	215
R. H. W. Clowes, Sidney	W.L.	34	236
S. Percival, Pt. Washington	W.W.	33	270
R. T. Vyvyan, Saanichton	W.L.	30	248
Elderton Bros., Royal Oak	W.W.	40	*399
A. Georgeson, Albert Hd.	W.L.	43	302
L. G. Harchmer, Colwood	W.W.	31	361
R. F. Matthews, Metchosin	W.L.	36	227
J. S. Bains, Cobble Hill	W.W.	32	335
R. H. Barker, Sidney	W.L.	32	202
W. Robbins, Victoria	W.L.	35	98
W. Bradley, Langford	W.L.	35	237
G. C. Golding, Qualicum Beach	B.R.	46	201
E. Gwynne, Sidney	W.L.	37	373
J. G. Nelson, Sidney	W.W.	18	288
A. Adams, Victoria	W.L.	33	145
H. C. Cooke, Lake Hill	R.I.R.	13	71
A. D. McLean, Victoria	W.L.	28	308
Dean Bros., Keating	W.W.	30	293
W. Russel, Victoria	W.L.	42	341
H. B. Cunningham, Shawnigan Lake	W.W.	43	188
A. V. Lang, Victoria	W.L.	40	267
F. E. Parker, Duncan	W.L.	14	281
R. McKenzie, Victoria	W.L.	41	331
W. J. Gunn, Courtenay	W.L.	37	114
W. P. Hurst, Sidney	W.L.	48	349
R. S. A. Jackson, Duncan	W.L.	*50	338
G. C. Golding, Qualicum Beach	W.L.	43	303
J. J. Dougan, Cobble Hill	W.L.	34	212
Reede & King, Cowichan Station	W.W.	45	398
Experimental Stn., Sidney	W.W.	43	361
Experimental Stn., Sidney	W.W.	48	278
Experimental Stn., Sidney	W.W.	42	333
		1291	8637

* Leading pen.

Handsome Returns From Profit-Sharing of Cigarette Smokers

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Philip Morris & Co. today announced that it had taken over from the United Cigar Stores Company the distribution of United profit-sharing coupons as applied to cigarettes in the United States. The United Profit-Sharing Company has made 104 per cent on its capital the last year, according to an official announcement.

Supposed Incendiary Fire Destroys Oakland School; Several Hurt

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—A half-score firemen were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a fire of supposedly incendiary origin which destroyed the Cole Grammar School here today with a loss estimated at $100,000. It was the second school fire of possible criminal origin in Alameda County in a week's time. William Thrasher was the seriously injured fireman. He and a number of his companions were caught beneath a falling wall. Two men were badly injured.

BRITAIN'S TRADE GROWS RAPIDLY

ELEVEN MONTHS FEATURE SURPASSES PRE-WAR RECORD

During Same Period Total Imports and Exports Increased by Upwards of £135,000,000

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Great Britain is closing the year 1923 with her foreign trade larger in amount, both as to imports and exports, than for the year 1922. Imports in eleven months of 1923 exceeded imports in the same period of 1922 by £80,000,000, and exports were more than £55,000,000 greater in value. In two features of this year's foreign trade, Great Britain has surpassed not only last year but has gone ahead of pre war figures.

Coal exports during the present year (January to November) have amounted to 73,575,712 tons, or 175,000 tons better than the best record, which was 73,400,118 tons, reported in the twelve months of 1913. Tonnage of shipping entering and leaving British ports with cargo was also larger this year than in 1922 or 1921.

Board of Trade Figures

Official Board of Trade figures give detailed comparisons for 1923 and 1922, as follows:

Imports, eleven months, 1922, £908,187,379; eleven months for 1923, £989,107,775.

Exports, eleven months, 1922, £755,839,982; eleven months, 1923, £811,434,529.

Coal imports, tons, 1922, 53,243,000; 1923, 73,575,000.

Iron and steel exports, tons 1922, 3,060,000; 1923, 3,964,000.

Cotton piece goods, square yards, 1922, 2,820,000,000; 1923, 3,818,000,000.

Woolen tissues, exports square yards, 1922, 110,000,000; 1923, 135,000,000.

Shipping Tonnage

Shipping tonnage, 1922, arriving with cargo, 39,610,000; 1923, 46,876,000; departing with cargo, 1922, 54,531,000; 1923, 65,173,000.

The greater value of imports in 1923 was due largely to foodstuffs, which amounted to about £34,000,000 more than in 1922. Raw materials, such as timber, oils and fats, and partly and wholly manufactured goods, notably non-ferrous metals, manufactures of iron and steel and textiles, also accounted for the larger values of imports.

Mrs. Kilen, Missionary, Captured; Two Others Wounded by Chinese

PEKING, Dec. 31.—Followers of the notorious bandit leader Lao Yao Jen, captured an American missionary, Mrs. Julia Kilen, and wounded two other missionaries, Bernard Hoff and Mrs. Hoff, in a raid upon the town of Tasoyang in Northern Hupeh province, near the border town of Siang Yang Fu, according to advices received here today.

Death of Earl of Jersey Announced In England

BICESTER, Eng., Dec. 31.—The death of the Earl of Jersey, George Henry Robert Child Villiers, at his Bicester estate, Middleton Park, was announced today. The late earl was one of the large landowners of England, owning 20,000 acres. The earl was fifty years old and succeeded to the title only in 1915. His heir is his eldest son, Viscount Grandison, born in 1910.

Struck by Automobile

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Miles Atkinson, 10, of 3541 Eaton Street, is in a critical condition in a hospital as a result of injuries received today when his sleigh was struck by an automobile driven by Arthur Holton. The boy has a chance for recovery.

PRINCE RUPERT BUILDINGS

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 31.—The value of building in this city for the year will approximate $100,000.

Furniture Snaps

Choice Pair Tapestry Chairs	$39.00
Large Easy Overstuffed Chair	19.00
Sleepy Hollow Chair in Tapestry	9.50
Tapestry Chesterfield, a bargain	65.00
"Kroehler" Divenette Bed, tapestry	49.00
Brass Twin Beds and Coil Springs	49.00
Brass Bed, Spring and Mattress	17.50
Oak Dining Set—a new one, for	65.00
Dining Tables, Fumed or Golden	25.00
Solid Walnut Sideboard	18.00
Kitchen Cabinet, like new	16.50
Gramophones reduced, $35, $36, $10 and	10.50

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FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

WHEAT PRICES RALLY CORN SAGS RAPIDLY

Traders Who Have Been Waiting for Lower Prices Now Revise Their Opinions

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The final readjustment in December contracts resulted in a comparatively active market in grains today. December wheat gained 2 cents on short covering, while December corn was weak.

The action of wheat during the past ten days has favored those working on the constructive side of prices, inasmuch as the bearish news has produced little or no effect on prices. Those who have been waiting for the bottom to fall out of prices are revising their opinions.

Corn should work higher now that the December delivery is out of the way and rye is being bought by those who believe that foreign buying will be a factor of importance in this grain.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	106	104⅛	102¾	104
May	107⅞	108⅛	107⅝	107⅞
July	100⅝	106⅝	103	108⅛
Corn—				
Dec.	71	71⅛	37¾	63
May	74⅛	74⅝	73⅞	74
July	75½	75⅝	75	75¼
Oats—				
Dec.	43⅛	43¼	43⅛	43⅛
May	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45⅛
July	42⅛	43½	43	43⅝
Rye—				
May	73⅝	74	73¾	73⅞

NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
All Fractions in Eighths

	High	Low	Close
Alax Rubber	6-6	6-3	6-3
Allis Chalmers	45-3	45-2	45-2
Allied Chem.	71-3	66-7	71-3
Am. Beet Sugar	43	43	43
Am. Bosch Mag.	36-3	33-3	33-3
Am. Can.	104-3	104-2	104-3
Am. Car & Fdy.	131-2	131-3	161-3
Am. Intl Corp.	21-2	23	24-2
Am. Linseed	17-5	17-5	17-5
Am. Locomotive	75-3	74-6	75-2
Am. Ship & Comm.	13	11-6	13
Am. Smelters	59	33-7	59
Am. Steel Fdy.	36-3	33-3	33-3
Am. Sugar	55-3	55-3	55-3
Am. Sum. Tob.	21	20-7	21
Am. Tel. & Tel	125-2	125-1	165-2
Am. Woolens	73-6	73-7	73-5
Anaconda	37	33-5	36-6
Assoc. Dry Goods	29-4	29-4	29-4
Atlantic Gulf	17	17	17
Atchison	61	36-6	67
Baldwin Loco	125-7	124-7	125-4
Baltimore & Ohio	59-6	53-5	59-6
Bethlehem Steel	54	53-6	54
California Packing	81-2	81-2	81-2
California Pete	26-6	23-1	23-3
Canadian Pacific	146-6	146-2	146-2
Cast Iron Pipe	37-2	67-2	67-2
Cerro de Pasco	45-4	45-4	45-4
Central Leather	12-6	12-6	12-3
Chandler	63-3	36	33
Chesapeake & Ohio	71-7	70-4	71-7
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	14	13-3	14
C. M. & St. P. pfd.	24	23-3	24
Chic. & Northwest	50-7	50-3	50-7
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	23-1	22-4	23-1
Chile Copper	27-5	27-4	27-3
Chino Copper	17-5	17-5	17-5
Coca Cola	73	76-2	73
Columbia Gas	35-3	35-2	35-3
Cons. Gas	61-6	61-4	61-6
Cont. Can.	56-4	53	53
Corn Products	157-3	154-3	157-3
Cosden Oil	63	35-6	63
Cuba Am. Sugar	36-3	33-3	33-3
Cuba C. Sugar	15	14-3	11-6
Cuba C. Sugar pfd.	62-4	61-4	62-3
Crucible Steel	67-6	67-6	67-6
Davison Chem.	66-3	67-3	67-6
Del. Lack. & West	112	113	112
Dome ex-div.	13-6	13-5	13-6
Dupont Powder	121-3	161	121-6
Endicott Johnson	33-4	65-4	45-4
Erie	21-2	21-2	21-3
Erie 1st pfd.	23-4	29-4	23-4
Famous Players	71-3	71	71
Fisk Tire	3-4	3-4	3-4
General Asphalt	40-4	40-4	40-4
General Electric	185-4	195-4	165-4
General Motors	15-1	14-6	15
Goodrich Rubber	23	22	23
Granby	11-6	14-6	14-3
Great Northern Ore	26-2	28-3	28-3
Great Northern pfd.	54-7	53-7	54-7
Gulf States Steel	83-6	83	82-3
Houston Oil	71-1	70	71
Illinois Central	102-2	102-2	102-2
Inspiration	25-1	24-5	25-1
Intl. Harv.	77	77	77
Intl. Mer. Marine	3-2	3-2	3-3
Intl. Mer. Mar. pfd.	31-2	26-7	31-1
Intl. Nickel	12-4	12-1	12-4
Intl. Paper	37-1	37-4	37-4
Invincible Oil	14-5	16-5	14-5
Julius Kayser	34-4	34-4	34-4
Kan. City Southern	17-6	17-6	17-6
Kennecott Copper	32-4	32-7	34-6
Kelly Springfield	32-6	32	32
Keystone Tire	2-7	2-7	2-7
Kresge	233	233	233
Lehigh Valley	60-3	60	60-3
Lima	67	67	67
Louis. & Nash	83	86	83
Mack Truck	90-7	90-7	30-7
Marland Oil	33-1	87-5	26
Maxwell "A"	48-3	46-6	48-3
Maxwell "B"	13	13	12
Mexican Seaboard	15-2	16-2	15-2
Miami	21-3	21-6	21-6
Middlestates Oil	3-4	3-1	3-4
Midvale Steel	26-6	25-6	26-6
Miss. Pacific	9-6	6-5	9-5
Miss. Pac. pfd.	28-3	28-3	39-3
Moon Motor	25	25	25
National Enamel	40-1	40	40-7
National Lead	142	143	143
Nevada Cons	11-5	11-5	11-5
Norfolk & West	103-6	103-6	103-3
North American	22-2	22-2	22-3
Northern Pacific ex-div.	52-5	51-2	52-4
N. Y. Central	104-3	104	104-3
N.Y., N.H. & Hart	14-2	14-1	14-2
N.Y., Ont. & West	15-4	15-4	15-4
Packard Motor	12-3	12-3	13-3
Pacific Oil	51-3	50	51
Pan American ex-div.	62	31-4	31-4
Pan Amer. "B" ex-div.	60	53-4	56-4
Pennsylvania R.R.	42	41-5	43
People's Gas	97-4	97-4	97-4
Pere Marquette	40-5	40-5	40-5
Phillips Pete	35-6	34-5	35-0
Pierce Arrow	8-6	6-6	8-3
Prod. & Ref.	43-2	33-4	42-5
Pullman Co.	133-4	133-4	132-3
Punta Allegre	57	57	57
Pure Oil	21-7	24-5	24-7
Rail Steel Spring	107	107	107
Ray Cons.	11-1	11-1	11-1
Reading	76	77-6	73
Replogle Steel	10-4	10-3	10-4
Rep. Iron & Steel	51-3	51	51
Reynolds Tob. "B"	73-0	73-5	73-5
Royal Dutch	46-4	48-4	48-4
Shell Union	17	13-7	16-7
Sinclair Cons	27-3	26-3	27
Skelly Oil	34-3	63-3	66-3
Sloss Sheffield	31	61	61
Southern Pac.	67-7	87	67
Southern Railway	39	37-3	38-7
Standard Oil, Cal.	64-4	63-1	64-4
Standard Oil, N.J.	41-7	40-3	41-7
Standard Oil, Ind.	63-6	64-3	64-6
Stewart Warner	30-7	90-7	30-7
Stromberg Carb.	73-7	79-7	76-7
Studebaker	107	106-4	106-6
Tennessee Copper	9	6	9
Texas Co.	44-1	44	44
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61-4	61-4	61-4
Texas Pacific R.R.	16-7	16-7	13-7
Tex. Pac. C. & O.	71-4	11-4	11-4
Timken Roller	36	33	36
Tobacco Prod.	70	69-5	66-7
Tob. Prod. "A"	90	63-4	30
Trans. Oil	4	3-6	4
Union Pacific	129-4	128-3	128-7
United Fruit	180-4	180-4	180-4
U.S. Ind. Alco.	73	71	72
U.S. Rubber	37-3	36-3	37-0
U.S. Steel	100-2	99	63-5
Utah Copper	64	61	64
Vanadium	31	30-7	31
Wabash	25-1	24-6	25-1
Western Union	106	106	105
Westing. Elec. ex-div.	60-6	60-3	60-3
White Motor	53-3	53-3	53-3
Willys-Overland	10-3	10-4	10-6
Willys-Overland pfd.	83	82-3	83
Woolworth	280	236	280

MONTREAL STOCKS

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	Close
Abitibi	63-4
Asbestos	28-4
Bell Telephone	135
Brompton Paper	40
Can. Cement com.	83
Can. Car Fdy. com.	36-6
Can. S.S. com.	11-4
Can. S.S. pfd.	42-3
Can. Gen. Elec.	115
Can. Converters	63
Cons. M. & S.	30-7
Detroit United	71
Dominion Bridge	60
Laurentide Co.	60-7
National Breweries	53-4
Mackay Co.	111
Howard Smith	70
Bank of Commerce	124
Bank of Montreal	240
Royal Bank	212
Shawinigan	110-3
Spanish River Pulp	100-7
Spanish River Pulp pfd.	107-4
Steel of Canada	77-4
Toronto Ry.	86-4

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Sterling exchange irregular at $4.23 6-16 for 60-day bills and $4.21 13-16 for demand.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Foreign exchanges easy. Quotations in cents:
Great Britain — Demand, 433 1-16; cables, 433 7-16, 30-day bills on banks, 426 9-13.
France—Demand, 5.66½; cables, 5.09.
Italy—Demand, 4.21⅛; cables, 4.62.
Belgium—Demand, 4.46½; cables, 4.47.
Germany — Demand, .000000000025; cables, .000000000025.
Holland—Demand, 37.40; cables, 37.56.
Norway—Demand, 14.41.
Sweden—Demand, 26.41.
Denmark—Demand, 17.71.
Switzerland—Demand, 17.42.
Spain—Demand, 12.30.
Greece—Demand, 2.20.
Poland—Demand, .000016.
Czecho-Slovakia—Demand, 2.31¼.
Jugo-Slavia—Demand, 1.13¼.
Austria—Demand, .0014.
Roumania—Demand, .51⅝.
Argentina—Demand, 32.60.
Brazil—Demand, 10.00.
Montreal, 37 3-13.

FEATURELESS MARKET AT YEAR'S CLOSING

Winnipeg Wheat Displayed No Special Interest With Fair Amount of Export Buying

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—No special feature marked the closing day of the year on the grain exchange. There was a fair volume of business; some buying which represented export business worked over the week-end in wheat that is at lower lake ports and considerable adjustment of hedges from December to May. The market showed a little early strength while the buying was in large volume, but as this eased off prices fell off slightly.

The cash markets again were devoid of feature.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	93⅛	93⅝	63⅛	93⅝b
May	99¼	63⅛	93	63¼b
July	101	101⅛	100⅝a	101a
Oats—				
Dec.	37⅛	37⅝	37¼	37⅝a
May	41⅛	41¼	41⅝	41⅝
July	42⅛	42⅛	43⅝	43½b
Barley—				
Dec.	76	..	..	70a
May	58⅛	49⅛	53⅛	56⅝
July	53⅛	53⅛	53⅝a	56½b
Flax—				
Dec.	203	204	201	201⅝
May	207⅛	210	207⅛	203⅞
July	203	203¼	203	203
Rye—				
Dec.	63½	66½	66	66b
May	71½	71⅝	71a	71⅝b

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 93¼; 2 nor., 90¼; 3 nor., 85¼; No. 4, 78⅛; No. 5, 70¼; No. 6, 63¼; feed, 36¼; track, 63¼. Special rusted: No. 4, 78⅛; No. 5, 70¼; No. 6, 63⅛.

Oats—2 cw., 27⅛; 3 cw., 34⅛; extra 1 feed, 24⅛; 1 feed, 33⅝; 2 feed, 26⅛; rejected, 26⅛; track, 37⅛.

Barley—3 cw., 54¼; 4 cw., 53⅝; rejected and feed, 48⅝; track, 55⅝.

Flax—1 nwo., 201⅝; 2 cw., 187⅝; 3 cw., 173⅝; rejected, 173⅛; track, 201⅝.

Rye—2 cw., 85⅛.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Mining

	Bid	Asked
Boundary Red Mountain	.16	.24
Bowene Copper	..	.10
Coalmont Collieries	..	30.00
Cons. M. & S.	37.00	36.00
Cork Province	.06½	.06¼
Douglas Channel	.01	.01⅝
Dunwell Mines	..	1.75
Granby	14.66	..
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	..	.01
Howe Sound	2.75	3.50
Indian Mines	.50	.57
International Coal	.11	.14
Liberator Mining Co.	..	.05
McGillivray Coal	.65	.75
Premier Mines	2.60	..
Rambler-Cariboo	..	.66
Sheep Creek Cons.	.00⅝	.00½
Silver Crest Mines	..	.03
Silversmith	..	.28
Snug Cove Copper	..	.02
Standard Silver Lead	..	.21
Sunloch Mines	..	.30
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.17
Oils		
Athabasca Oil	..	.03
Boundary Bay Oil	.00 1-16	.00⅛
Empire Oil	..	.00⅛
Pitt Meadows	..	.02
Spartan Oil	.00¼	.00⅝
Sweetgrass	.00⅝	.00⅝
Trojan Oil	.04⅝	..
Utility Oil	..	.00½
British Pete	1.00	..
Miscellaneous		
Allen Theatre pfd.	24.00	..
B.C. Perm. Loan	34.50	100.00
C. P. R.	146.00	150.00
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	2.63

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Copper quiet. Electrolytic, spot and nearby 13c to 13¼c; futures 13¼c.

Tin easier, spot and nearby $46.37; futures $46.50.

Iron steady, No. 1 Northern $22 to $24; No. 2 Northern $22.50 to $23; No. 2 Southern $21 to $22.

Lead firm, spot $7.50 to $8.25.

Zinc quiet, East St. Louis, spot and nearby delivery $6.20 to $6.30.

Antimony, spot $6.50.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Standard copper, spot £61; futures £61 15s. Electrolytic, spot £66 15s; futures £67 5s.

Tin, spot £232 17s 3d; futures £236 7s 3d.

Lead, spot £30 7s 6d; futures £26 7s.

Zinc, spot £32 17s 6d; futures £33 2s 6d.

MONEY MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Call money strong; high 6; low 5¼; ruling rate 6; closing bid 5½; offered at 5¾; last loan 5½; call loans against acceptances 5.

Time loans steady; mixed collateral; 60-90 days, 5; 4-6 months, 5.

Prime commercial paper 4¾ to 5.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Money 3¼ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills 3¼ to 3 7-16 per cent; three months' bills 3¼ to 3⅜ per cent.

RAW SUGAR

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	Close.
Jan.	5.10 @ 5.11
Mar.	4.48 @ 4.43
May	4.54 @ 4.55
July	4.60 @ 4.32

SILVER MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bar silver 64¼. Mexican dollars 16.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Bar silver 33 7-16d per ounce.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Eggs fair; butter quiet.

Butter, eggs and potatoes not quoted.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 13c to 13¼c; finest Easterns, 17¼c to 17¾.

DOW JONES' AVERAGES

20 Industrials, 95.33; up .11.
20 Rails, 80.63; up .53.
40 leading Bonds 86.31; up .01.

CANADIAN LIQUOR EXPORTS INCREASE

Imports Show Decrease During Past Year, But Foreign Shipments Show Remarkable Growth

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—The value of liquor imported into Canada has fallen off during the last three years, but exportations during that period show a remarkable increase. In the twelve months ended with November, Canada imported $20,428,000 worth of liquor, against $22,290,000 worth in 1922, and $37,157,000 in 1921.

The report indicates that in the period under consideration in 1921, liquors totalling $1,505,000 were exported, as against $5,154,000 in 1922, and $12,261,000 in 1923. All exports increased from 372,000 gallons in 1921 to 1,309,000 in 1922, and 2,767,000 in 1923. Whisky exports soared from 211,000 gallons in 1921 to 301,000 in 1922, and 1,004,000 in 1923.

BIG INCREASE IN TRADE FOR YEAR

Growth of About $238,000,000 Shown in Total Foreign Business of Dominion During Past Twelve Months—Transactions Within Empire This Season Larger by $42,000,000 Than Previously—Substantial Growth in Shipments to Other Nations

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—When official trade statistics for 1923 are available, the year will be seen to have made a notable advance over 1922. In both exports and imports the figures are considerably greater than in the year previous. So far, returns to hand merely cover the eleven months to the end of November, but, taking these and adding one-eleventh as representing an average month, this year's total trade is approximately $238,000,000 ahead of 1922. Taken on this basis, the two years compare:

	1923	1922
Imports	$ 914,272,000	$ 762,333,000
Exports (domestic)	761,757,000	884,362,000
Exports (foreign)	14,740,000	14,615,000
Total trade	$1,633,737,000	$1,661,517,000

Thus imports and exports show approximately an increase of $152,000,000 and $87,000,000 respectively.

Among exports of Canadian merchandise, agricultural and vegetable products, wood, and paper, iron and its products, and non-ferrous metals, all show improvement over the figures for last year.

Empire Trade Grows

Details so far available show that Canada's trade within the Empire, both in imports and exports increased during the year. In twelve months, up to the end of November, imports from Empire countries had increased by $27,000,000; exports to Empire countries by $15,000,000; imports from foreign countries were up $129,000,000; exports to foreign countries advanced $127,000,000, almost the same figure as the imports.

FINANCE FLASHES

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Washington Government has agreed to sell quantity of war material to the Obregon Government according to dispatch.

Secretary Wallace, in review of the year from an agricultural standpoint, announced in a statement tonight that conditions augur well for continued improvement in the material prosperity of the American farmer.

Chesapeake & Ohio November operating income, $879,492, as against $728,588 in 1922.

Texas & Pacific net operating income, $865,892; as against $294,991.

Shreveport says the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana has advanced prices on all grades of crude oil 15 cents a barrel.

Copper, lead and zinc showed a decided increase in production during the year.

The oil industries have had a disquieting year, though the future looks very promising.

Complete disorganization following the Japanese earthquake, the silk market toward the end of the year got back to levels which obtained before the disaster, or below them.

Bank Clearings for Past Twelve Months

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—The following are the bank clearings for the principal cities of the Dominion for the year ending today:

	1923	1922
Toronto	$5,591,568,303	$4,674,949,872
Montreal	6,493,106,775	6,093,942,672
Winnipeg	2,528,311,368	2,546,926,704
Vancouver	750,693,483	682,964,537
Victoria	104,229,802	105,775,654
Halifax	153,628,683	160,112,336
Moncton	40,246,429	51,344,596
St. John	141,396,035	142,488,135
Quebec	202,116,299	284,484,863
Sherbrooke	43,620,228	43,359,748
Ottawa	253,499,360	270,775,443
Kingston	34,888,561	34,676,426
Peterboro	69,272,620	37,100,117
Hamilton	301,864,811	282,372,009
Brantford	52,634,340	54,067,486
London	151,888,658	147,787,968
Kitchener	51,889,683	52,490,715
Windsor	173,442,115	170,786,806
Fort William	49,754,115	41,146,691
Brandon	30,370,360	62,922,638
Regina	130,195,387	144,646,431
Saskatoon	86,106,204	67,892,673
Moose Jaw	62,610,782	64,035,386
Prince Albert	18,010,569	17,379,178
Lethbridge	31,767,371	31,066,140
Medicine Hat	17,888,504	17,707,386
Calgary	273,426,866	263,310,301
Edmonton	....	234,211,360
New Westminster	38,351,753	25,367,306

Hopeful Signs for Future of German's Finances Manifest

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Two factors especially prompt a majority of financial writers to consider Germany's finances hopefully for the coming year, these being the appointment of Dr. Schacht as president of the Reichsbank and the continued ability of the Renten mark to assert itself as a reliable stabilizing influence during the period preceding the inauguration of a national gold currency.

Within another week, the Renten Mark Bank expects to have 2,400,000,000 of its total authorized capital of 3,200,000,000 renten marks in circulation. It has already placed 1,200,000,000 at the disposal of the central government, through the Reichsbank, which is now being used to call in trillions of discounted treasury bills.

Another Merger of Canadian Banks In Sight In Quebec

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The Bank of Hochelaga will absorb the National Bank, it was rumored on the street today. Both banks are managed by French-Canadian officials and their business is largely confined to the province of Quebec.

Incidence of Sales Tax Explained by Order

OTTAWA, Dec. 31. — Merchant tailors, dressmakers, milliners, furriers and florists selling exclusively by retail to the consumer or user, are classified as retailers and are not required to take out a sales tax licence by an order issued from the Customs and Excise Department. The term "merchant tailor" and "dressmaker" in this regard mean the ordinary merchant tailor and the ordinary dressmaker who fits, makes and sells his goods to the order of the individual customer on the same premises upon which they are made and not through agents or chain stores. This regulation does not apply to furriers making goods for stock.

Canada's Exports to United States Reveal Healthy Trade Growth

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Canada's exports to the United States during the twelve months ended November were higher in all main groups except animal products than in the corresponding twelve months previous. Exports of agricultural products were up six millions, of wood and paper fifty-four millions, of non-ferrous metals sixteen millions, of non-metallic minerals four millions. Total Canadian domestic exports to the United States during the twelve months ended November were $419,898,920, compared with $332,326,132 in the twelve months preceding. Imports from the United States were $615,203,580 in the year ended November against $501,445,464 in the year previous.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR YEAR COMPARE WELL

Reach Well Over Hundred Million, and About Half Million Below Figures of Last Year

Bank clearings in Victoria for 1923 were a little over half a million dollars short of the total for 1922. The figures for 1923, as issued by the Victoria Clearing House, are $105,229,802, as compared to $105,775,654 for 1922, a difference of $545,852.

Vancouver Island lumbering operations and the past season's influx of tourists were the two principal factors in 1923 business and it is expected that both enterprises will show increased returns for 1924. During the month of August, this year, when the tourist traffic was at its height, Victoria bank clearings reached a figure $700,000 above the total for the same month in 1922.

The Victoria Clearing House is this year celebrating its silver jubilee, having been established in November, 1898.

APPRECIATE PUBLIC'S LOYALTY TO ROAD

Chief and Officers of National Lines Take Opportunity to Thank All Hands for Co-operation

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Appreciation for the co-operation of the Canadian public for the loyalty and devotion to duty of the officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways and expressions of confidence in the immediate future of Canada, were voiced by Sir Henry Thorton, president, and J. P. Dalrymple, S. J. Hungerford and W. D. Robb, vice-presidents, in their New Year greetings, broadcasted by them across Canada from Montreal.

Sir Henry recited briefly the history of the road during 1923 and expressed his confidence that the showing made would be correspondingly improved in 1924.

Pays Tribute to C.P.R.

Sir Henry paid a tribute to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the memory of the late Lord Shaughnessy.

Mr. Dalrymple, vice-president in charge of traffic, devoted most of his message to a brief recapitulation of the showing of his department, the traffic conditions throughout the year and the outlook for 1924. He pointed out that in the face of adverse trade conditions in Europe the Canadian National Railways had carried this year nearly 58,000,000 tons, an increase of about 5,300,000 tons, or nearly 20 per cent over the previous year.

Gross Earnings Surplus

S. J. Hungerford, vice-president in charge of operation and construction, emphasized the fact that from January 1, 1923, to the end of November, the gross earnings had exceeded the operating costs by the total of $16,500,000, and he believed a substantial increase in the favorable balance would be secured next year.

After proving the need for the settlement and development of unsettled and undeveloped parts of Canada, particularly agricultural, W. D. Robb, vice-president in charge of immigration and colonisation, repeated the general principles of policies to be followed by that system.

WINNIPEG BUILDING RECORD

WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—The 3,751 permits taken out in Winnipeg during 1923 for the erection of buildings called for the expenditure of $4,483,300, a decrease of about $3,000,000 from the total of the previous year. Permits issued at St. Boniface, $511,352; and in suburban municipalities about $1,000,000 was spent. Construction was confined very largely to residences.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

EXPLANATION MADE FOR "WHISPER OF DEATH"

Sir Joseph Flavelle Tells Bankers National Railways Are on Unsound Basis

Addressing the Bankers' Educational Association in Toronto, Sir Joseph Flavelle referred to the "Whisper of Death" as the kind of thing made possible because of what he regards as the present unsound financial basis of the Canadian National Railways. Sir Joseph still urges his earlier proposals that the finances of the system should be reorganized, that money lost "as though it had be thrown into the sea" be forgotten, that capital charges be adjusted to the value of the system without regard to cost and that an opportunity to show the results of increased business and efficient operation be given. Otherwise, he said, an enormous bookkeeping deficit would continue to accumulate which would discourage the people and break the morale of the operatives and executive officers.

MONTREAL.—It is possible that the Bell Telephone may issue additional stock during 1924, an amount of $5,000,000 being suggested. The company is finding that the demands for service throughout Ontario and in Montreal tax its already rapid rate of expansion. The Bell Telephone may issue stock next year in sufficient amounts to finance capital outlays during the year, and issue bonds in the following year, when its present issue expires.

Famous Players

Famous Players Corporations secured twenty-seven Allan theatres from the liquidator for $350,000, paying $150,000 in cash and the balance in preferred stock. Famous Players now have sixty-four houses. Allans did not hold control of certain of the theatres, but Famous Players secured such control with the additional expenditure of $57,073. They sold the Vancouver interests for $35,000, leaving a net expenditure of $392,073 for the properties. Of this, cash payments aggregated $242,000, and payment in first preference stock $150,000.

At present there are competing on the British market 108 makes of passenger cars and seventy-seven foreign makes, France leading among the latter with thirty-eight, and the United States taking second place with nineteen, says a United States official commerce report. American automobiles — two-thirds from Canada—made up 75 per cent of British imports in this field during the first nine months of 1923; France supplied 20 per cent.

OTTAWA.—The selecting of Hon. J. A. Robb as acting Minister of Finance has met with apparently nothing but unqualified approval. It is considered to be only a matter of time until the appointment becomes of a permanent nature, for even should Mr. Fielding recover quickly, it is considered improbable that he would risk another serious breakdown by tackling so heavy a job as that of Finance Minister.

Canada Wheat Exports

OTTOWA.—During November more wheat was exported from Canada than during any other month in the history of the country. Shipments totalled 64,196,000 bushels, the next highest being November, 1912, with 55,315,000 bushels. In November, 1915, the total was 43,119,000 bushels, and in December, 1922, it was 40,699,000 bushels, these being the largest figures for exports of wheat by months.

Steel of Canada

Steel of Canada has been selling well of late and came in for a slight market advance to 76. The improvement in business enjoyed by this company latterly, coupled with its strong liquid position, appears to make the 7 per cent divided rate assured. It is believed that when the annual report appears it will show profits more than sufficient to cover the full common dividend. The preferred stock is steady at par.

General Motors

Production of General Motors of Canada is producing $40,000,000 yearly. The capital invested is $25,000,000, a large part of which was brought into Canada from the United States. There are about 1,000 stockholders residing in Canada who own a total of 485,000 shares of General Motors Corporation stock. There are 1,420,000 shares held in Canada and Great Britain. The products of the Canadian company include Buick, McLaughlin-Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Oldsmobile passenger cars and C. M. G. trucks. In 1923 the shipments from the Oshawa plant were 50,000 cars, of which 55 per cent were exported.

Dominion Note Circulation

Dominion note circulation at the close of November stood at $240,995,544, as compared with $251,778,606 on October 31. Gold held against the notes was $109,361,003 on November 30, in comparison with $112,303,595 on October 31. During November, the percentage of gold in notes showed a decrease. On November 30, it was 45.3; on October 31, the percentage was 46.5. Dominion notes outstanding against approved securities were $94,720,000 at the end of November. On October 31, they were $92,570,000.

Echo Heard In Court Of Government Control

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—The Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company has entered action at Osgoode Hall to recover from fourteen other pulp and paper companies the difference between the Canadian fixed price for all newsprint paper supplied to Canadian newspaper publishers in excess of the plaintiff's proper proportion during the years 1918-'19 when the price of newsprint was under government control. The paper control fixed the quota of paper to be supplied by every mill at the fixed price and it was arranged that where a company supplied in excess of its quota it was to receive compensation from the other companies.

U. S. COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK IS GOOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Business in the United States during 1923 was good in most lines, with the outlook for 1924 regarded as encouraging by many business and banking leaders. While opinion is divided as to the extent which domestic business has suffered by the unsettled economic condition of Europe, there is a unanimity of opinion among industrial executives that a satisfactory solution of the troublesome reparations problem would stimulate business and increase industrial activity in this country.

Freed from the heavy expenses entailed by the prolonged shopmen's strike and the loss of revenue from the miners' strike, which caused enormous losses in 1922, the railroads generally enjoyed a prosperous year. Net income of Class One roads for the first ten months of 1923, the latest figures available, totaled approximately $820,000,000, an increase of $206,000,00 over the corresponding period of 1923, with indications that the year's total net income would reach $1,000,000,000.

Freight Traffic Big

Freight traffic reached record-breaking proportions, the weekly car loadings exceeding the million mark more than 20 times. The increased efficiency in loading and moving cars was shown by an increase of approximately 30 per cent in net ton miles over 1922. Huge sums were spent for new equipment, the purchase of which was financed largely by short term obligations known as equipment trusts. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad resumed dividends on its common stock during the year, the New York Central increased its annual dividend from 5 to 7 per cent, and the Gulf, Mobile & Northern declared an initial dividend of 1 per cent on its preferred stock. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad declared a stock dividend of 62½ per cent.

For the first time since 1917 the railroads showed an increase in the construction of main line mileage. Important construction developments under way include the linking up of the Southern Pacific with Mexico City, the double tracking of the Sante Fe, the cut-off operations of the New York Central at Albany and of the Illinois Central on its main line.

Working Day Decreased

Elimination of the 12 hour day at the suggestion of the late President Harding was one of the outstanding developments of the steel industry in 1923. E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, estimated, when the announcement was made, that the change in working hours would increase the cost of production by 15 per cent. Record-breaking building construction, much of which was delayed by the war, and unusually large railroad orders helped to offset the loss of export business through the economic disturbance of Europe. Material for reconstruction work in Japan was an important factor in the closing months of the year. The declaration of an extra dividend of ¼ of 1 per cent by the U.S. Steel Corporation on Oct. 30 was generally construed as an expression of confidence in the immediate business future.

Heavy over-production of crude oil in California followed by the discovery of a big productive field in Central Texas unsettled the oil market, forcing crude prices to very low levels and bringing about a gasoline price-cutting war in various sections of the country, despite the fact that consumption was greater than ever before. The increase in domestic production more than offset the loss in Mexico, where many wells ran into salt water earlier in the year. In order to conserve their cash resources and finance huge quantities of oil and gasoline in storage, several of the smaller companies were forced to suspend or reduce their dividends.

Automobile Record

The automobile industry had the best year in its history, nearly 4,000,000 cars and trucks being manufactured during the year. This brought the total cars in use in this country to approximately 14,000,000, or 90 per cent of the world's supply. Production schedules recently announced by the larger companies indicate that the output in the first three months of 1924 will exceed that of the corresponding period in 1923.

Production of railroad equipment also reached new high records as a result of extensive replacements made by all the leading railroad systems. It is estimated that the railroads of the United States spent approximately $3,100,000,000 for equipment in 1923. Forward buying thus far indicates another huge outlay next year.

Importation of large quantities of cheap copper from Africa and South America unsettled the domestic copper market, despite the fact that consumption was greater than ever before, and in excess of domestic production. The sharp diminution in export demand, due to the unsettled economic conditions abroad, sent the price of the red metal down to where but few companies could operate at a satisfactory profit. One of the outstanding developments in the industry was the purchase of the Chile Copper Company and the American Brass Company by the Anaconda Copper Company.

Sugar Industry

Fear of a sugar shortage in midsummer, which led to a temporary era of heavy speculation in sugar futures, proved to be unfounded. Sugar producing companies succeeded in recouping some of the heavy post-war losses, dividends being resumed in a few cases.

Cotton prices reached the highest levels in more than three years on a shortage in the crop, due primarily to the ravages of the boll weevil. Unseasonable weather and a heavy demand for the raw product were other contributory causes to the higher prices.

Relatively low wheat prices, due to a reduction in export demand, overproduction and increased competition by Canadian growers, led to suggestions of reduced freight rates on grain for export by President Coolidge and prominent western legislators. Other farm products showed material increases in value, particularly corn.

Mail Order Business

Mail order houses and chain stores did a record breaking business. However, the leather, rubber, chemical, shipping and motion picture industries had periods of depression from which they had not fully recovered at the end of the year.

Considerable interest was aroused in financial and business circles in the closing weeks of the year by Secretary Mellon's recommendations for a reduction in income taxes, which was endorsed by President Coolidge in his first message to Congress. The belief was widely held that the reductions proposed would do much to stimulate business activity in the coming year.

BUSINESS SEASONABLE ON LONDON EXCHANGE

Stock Brokers Direct Attention More to Yuletide Amenities Than to Market Operations

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Stock brokers and their clients naturally have been thinking more about Christmas than business last week. The latter, therefore, has remained on a very half-hearted scale, although the quotations generally have continued quiet and firm.

The war loan touched parity yesterday and other government issues showed a strong character. There has been an improvement in the foreign market especially in railway stock.

A review of the conditions for the year shows a very large decrease in the aggregate of her new capital issues on the London market as compared with that of last year. This, however, is accounted for almost entirely by the decrease in the British Government borrowings.

Foreign Borrowings

The borrowings from abroad have been on a substantially heavier scale than in 1922, but there has been an entire absence of home issues by the municipalities. Big declines have been noticeable in the borrowings of rubber and oil companies. The demand for new capital, however, by industrial enterprises generally have been larger this year than it was last year. Among the Dominion borrowers Australia has raised £25,000,000; India in a single operation this year floated £20,000,000 at ninety; Colonial municipalities made fairly frequent appearances as borrowers.

On the whole the British public has manifested the possession of an abundant resources when new offers of any real merit were placed before them.

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150 Men's Suits, of wool tweeds and worsteds; browns, greys, stripes and checks; splendidly tailored and well designed. Conservative and young men's models and very stylish. Values to $30.00. All to go at, a suit **$19.75**

100 Men's Tweed and Irish Navy Serge Suits. The tweeds are in light and dark shades and the serges are guaranteed all-wool. The suits are made in two and three-button conservative models and in sizes 36 to 44. Regular $18.00 values for **$12.50**

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

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—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Boys' Furnishings

At Clearance Prices

Boys' Shirt Waists, odd lines; colors white and assorted stripes. Clearing, each, **69¢**

Boys' Fancy Ribbed Jerseys, extra strong, wool face, cotton back; plain colors with contrasting stripes on collar. Polo collar style with three buttons. Clearing at **$1.29**

Boys' Flannelette Pajamas, patterned in fancy stripes; all sizes. Clearing at, suit, **$1.49**

—Main Floor

Men's Socks

January Clearance Bargains

All-Wool Worsted Socks, made in England; fancy rib, in colors and black. Reg. 45c and 50c. Special, 3 pairs **$1.00**

Penman's Fine All-Wool Worsted Socks, heather, lovat, brown or black. Special at, a pair ..... **50¢**

Worsted Socks, all-wool, made in England; heather shades; all sizes. A pair ..... **65¢**
Or two pairs for **$1.25**

All-Wool Golf Hose, made in England, $2.50 and $2.00 values. Clearing at **$1.59**

Silkolene Socks of dressy appearance; colors and black. Reg. 50c. Now two pairs **75¢**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

January Sale Bargains in the

Staple, Linen and Wash Goods Sections

Pure Wool Blankets, navy blue only; 56 x 76 inches. Value $3.95. On sale, a pair **$2.98**

Pure Wool Blankets, made from long staple yarns, scoured and well fleeced. White with pink and blue borders; four sizes and weights.
60 x 80. Reg. $10.50. Sale Price, pair, **$6.95**
64 x 84. Reg. $10.50. Sale Price, pair, **$8.25**
68 x 86. Reg. $12.50. Sale Price, pair, **$9.25**
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Silver Grey Point Blankets, renowned quality; will last for years. 60 x 74, 7 lbs. Reg. $10.50. Sale Price, a pair **$6.98**

Pure Down Comforters, various odd sizes and qualities; for single or double beds, and covered with sateens and cambrics and paneled in contrast. Reg. $12.95, $13.75 and $15.75. On sale, each **$9.35**

Cotton Filled Comforters, 60 x 72 and 70 x 72. Reg. to $4.50 for **$2.98**

French Raw Silk Ratines, in excellent designs on cream ground—the price of cheap cotton—28-inch. Reg. 89c. On sale for ..... **39¢**

Large Turkish Bath Sheets, colored; English quality; 38 x 72. Reg. $2.75 for **$1.79**

Colored Stripe Border Turkish Towels, English quality; large size. Reg. 59c. Each, **49¢**

Colored Border Turkish Towels, various oddments; some slightly soiled by handling. Reg. to $1.50. Sale Price, each ..... **69¢**

White Bedspreads—All Sizes
54 x 78 inches. Reg. $2.50 for **$1.98**
72 x 84 inches. Reg. $3.75 for **$2.95**
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All Hemmed Ready for Use.

English Alhambra Bedspreads, pink and red only. Size 78 x 86. Reg $2.95 for **$1.98**

Army Grey Flannels, all pure wool; plain and grey, and union of wool and cotton; 29-inch. Reg. 75c. On sale at, a yard ..... **59¢**

Heavy Khaki All-Wool Flannels, high grade; for men's and boys' wear; 31-inch. Reg. $1.00. On sale, a yard ..... **79¢**

Viyella Flannels. A few designs we are clearing out; 9 different stripes, plain blue, grey, pink and white, mauve and white and mixed stripes; for shirts or pajamas; 31 inches. Reg. $1.35. On sale for, a yard ..... **98¢**

Bathrobe Blankets, full size, 72 x 90. A few colorings left over from the Christmas rush. Reg. $7.50 and $9.95. On sale for **$5.95**

Beacon Robe Flannels, 20 inches for ..... **69¢**
quality. Reg. 89c a yard. On sale for ..... **69¢**

Check Tea Towelings—Red and Blue
22-Inch. Reg. 25c for, a yard ..... **19¢**
17-Inch Roller Crash. Reg. 20c a yard. Sale Price ..... **16¢**

18-Inch Irish Huckaback. Reg. 35c a yard. Sale Price ..... **29¢**

36-Inch Pure Longcloth. Reg. 30c a yard. Sale Price ..... **24¢**

60-Inch Irish Damask. Reg. $2.25 a yard. Sale Price **$1.79**

72-Inch Irish Damask. Reg. $1.85 a yard. Sale Price **$1.49**

54-Inch Irish Damask. Reg. $1.35 a yard. Sale Price **$1.19**

—Main Floor

Boy's Overcoats

Clearing at

$8.95 and $10.95

Boys' Heavy Wool Tweed Overcoats, lined throughout and designed in belter or half-belter models. Smart coats with large roll collars; very dressy and serviceable. Sizes 26 to 36. Reg. to $12.50 for **$8.95**

Boys' Overcoats of heavy weight cloth, double-breasted, well lined and tailored. Belters and plain models. Shades grey, brown and lovats. Reg. $14.95 for **$10.95**

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

A January Sale of

MEN'S BOOTS

Men's Top Grade Boots—$10.00 Values for $7.90

Fine quality boots in black or brown calf or black kid. They have oak tanned soles and show a superior workmanship that makes this offering one of special merit. All lasts and sizes.

Men's Boots—Values to $8.00 for $5.90

Calfskin Boots in Winter weights and a great variety of last and patterns. Superior quality work boots with heavy double soles, in black or brown waterproof leather.

Men's Dress Boots at $4.90

Undoubtedly the best value in fine boots for men obtainable; double soles for Winter wear, welted, and rubber heels; black or brown calf. The new lasts as well as the old favorites are shown in this lot. We guarantee their wear.

—Men's Boots, Main Floor

Drug Sundries and Toilet Articles

January Sale Special Values

Hair Brushes, including ebony and satinwood backed whalebone brushes; various lines of good useful bristle brushes. Values to $1.35. Your choice for ..... **75¢**

Military Hair Brushes, a special line. Values $2.25 a pair. Can be purchased per pair, or a single brush, at, each ..... **75¢**

Nail Brushes, exceptional values, 2 for ..... **15¢**

Tooth Brushes, a large assortment of values up to 35c for, each ..... **15¢**

French Face Powder, in flesh or white ..... **25¢**

Vinolia Bouquet Soap, 50c box, 3 in a box. At half price, per box ..... **25¢**

Gosnel's High-Class Toilet Soap. Large 75c bars; about 6 dozen bars to clear at, each ..... **25¢**

Peroxide, 25c 4-oz. size ..... **15¢**
35c 8-oz. size ..... **25¢**
65c 16-oz. size ..... **45¢**

—Main Floor

January Clearance of

MEN'S SHIRTS

Men's Union Flannel Shirts, "Big Horn" brand, made in Victoria. Well made shirts with turn-down collar and pocket. Patterned in fancy stripes. Sizes 14, 15 and 15½ only. Reg. $2.75 for **$1.95**

Men's Negligee Shirts, made from English fzst color zephyr cloths. They are patterned in neat stripes, assorted colors; coat style, double cuffs and starch neckband. All sizes. Worth $2.75 for **$2.19**

Men's Negligee Shirts, made from percales and woven ginghams, in light and fancy stripes. Coat style with soft double cuffs and starch neckband. All sizes except 14½. Reg. $1.75 for **$1.19**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Underwear--Clearance Prices

Men's Mottled Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, medium weight; all sizes. Clearing at, a garment, **95¢**

Eureka Brand Medium Weight Natural Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, all sizes. A garment ..... **95¢**
Combinations of same grade, a suit **$1.95**

"Atlantic" Brand Heavy Cream Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, all sizes. A garment **$1.15**

"Atlantic" Brand Cream Rib Cotton Undershirts, odd sizes. Big value at, a garment **$1.15**

Stanfield's "No. 3100" Medium Weight Natural Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers. Reg. $1.50. Clearing at, a garment **$1.29**

Stanfield's "No. 7700" Heavy Natural Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers. Reg. $2.75. Clearing for **$2.39**

Turnbull's Scotch Lambswool Shirts and Drawers, heavy weight. Reg. $3.00. Clearing at **$2.49**

"Mercury" Brand Elastic Rib Wool Mixture Shirts and Drawers. Reg., a garment, $1.65. Clearing for **$1.49**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

A January Clearance of

BLOUSES

Tricolette Blouses, in fancy weave or dropstitch; made over-blouse style, with short sleeves, round or V-necks and band or tie waists. Many shades to choose from. Sizes 36 to 40. Clearance price **$4.95**

Blouses of Crepe de Chine, Tricolette or Georgette; in over-blouse or tuck-in style, with short or long sleeves, Peter Pan convertible collars or round neck styles; blue, grey, fawn, navy and black. Sizes 34 to 44. Values to $7.95. Clearing at **$3.98**

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, in over-blouse style, with long, short or three-quarter sleeves. They are trimmed with Paisley, radium lace, hemstitching or bands of crepeknit in Paisley designs. Many shades to select from. Values to $15.50 for **$7.98**

—Blouses, 1st Floor

A January Sale of

CORSETS

Back-Lace Corsets with French back, elastic through waistline, and laced below front clasp with elastic lacing. Free hip, long skirt and four strong hose supporters. For tall figures. Sizes 21 to 28. Reg. $3.75. Sale Price **$2.50**

Front-Lace Corsets for the average figure, with medium low bust, top trimmed with silk braid; elastic inset across back, 4 hose supporters, four hooks below clasp; made of pink coutil and suitable for the slender to medium figure. Sizes 22 to 28. Reg. $3.00 for **$1.98**

Back-Lace Corsets of pink coutil, with elastic top, free hip, long skirt, four hose supporters, top trimmed with silk braid. Suitable for the medium figure. Sizes 21 to 30. Reg. $3.50 value for **$1.98**

—Corsets, 1st Floor

Clearing Girls' Dresses

At Bargain Prices

Girls' Dresses of English Jersey Cloth, trimmed with colored stitching; and Colored Flannel Dresses all in attractive styles and pleasing shades. Sizes for 6 to 14 years. Big values at **$4.98**

Girls' Dresses in odd sizes; flannels and serges. Sizes for the ages of 8 to 12 years. Values to $12.75. Clearing at **$7.98**

Girls' Dresses of Jersey Knit. Shades of blue, fawn, saxe and grey. Sizes for 7 to 12 years. On sale at **$3.48**

Girls' Gingham Dresses, in plaids, checks and stripes. Remarkably good grade. Shown in assorted styles and in sizes for the ages of 8 to 14 years. On sale at **$2.48**

—1st Floor

A Great Assortment of Finest

SILKS

At January Clearance Prices

Crepes and Georgettes, Values to $2.98 for 98¢

An odd collection of fancy georgettes, fancy and plain crepes; all good quality. For dresses or blouses. On sale at, a yard ..... **98¢**

36-Inch Black Paillette Clearing at $1.59

An All-Silk Paillette, in an excellent dye. Makes up into inexpensive dresses. Clearing at **$1.59**

40-Inch Satin Charmeuse, Value $3.75 for $1.98

This makes up well in dresses, and has a very bright sheen; navy, black, grey, nigger, tan, biscuit and robin's-egg blue. Clearing at **$1.98**

40-Inch Figured Silk, Value to $5.50 for $1.98

A neatly patterned silk, suitable for dress tops, trimmings, etc. Shown in a fine selection of colors. A yard **$1.98**

27-Inch Corduroy Velvet, Reg. $2.75 for 79¢

A superior grade velvet with a heavy pile and will give great service; brown, black, grey, navy, tan, and taupe. Clearing at, a yard ..... **79¢**

36-Inch Satin Duchesse, Reg. $2.50 for, a Yard, $1.29

An all-silk fabric with a bigrht sheen, suitable for dresses. Shades navy, black, saxe, moss, purple, petunia, cardinal, henna, geranium and paddy. Clearing at, a yard **$1.29**

40-Inch Georgette on Sale at, a Yard, $1.98

A handsome silk for dresses, in shades of black, navy, white, pink, sky, jade, sunset, henna, Japan blue, saxe, mauve and biscuit.

40-Inch Crepe de Chine Clearing at, a Yard, $1.98

An All-Silk Crepe de Chine, medium weight and shown in a large range of colors. Clearing at **$1.98**

40-Inch Heavy Crepe de Chine Special, a Yard, $2.98

A heavy weight Crepe de Chine for dresses. Shades black, white, navy, pink, grey and biscuit. Clearing Sale Price, yard, **$2.98**

36-Inch Costume Velveteen Value $2.95 for $1.98

An excellent grade velveteen that will not rub off and will wear well; navy, old rose, taupe, brown, saxe, electric and purple. Special, a yard **$1.98**

49-Inch Check Satin and Embroidered Ninons. Value $8.75 for $2.98

A novelty satin for skirts. Makes up well and is of high grade quality; blue, biscuit, saxe and gold. Clearing at, a yard **$2.98**

21-Inch Colored Velveteen, Value $1.25 for 50¢

A most useful grade with an excellent pile and shown in shades of navy, taupe, brown, green, white and pink. Marked to clear at, a yard ..... **50¢**

—Silks, Main Floor

20 Pairs of Novelty Marquisette and Voile

Curtains Greatly Reduced

Voile Curtains with pretty panels; choice lace edge and insertions. Reg. $6.95 for, a pair **$3.95**

Marquisette Curtains of extra fine grade, beautiful filet panel, real lace and insertion. Value to $15.75. On sale for **$8.95**

Marquisette Curtains, very superior grade, with embroidered borders, panels, lace edges and insertions. Values to $9.75 for **$6.95**

Wellington Voile Curtains, finest grade, beautiful edgings and insertions. Reg. $12.90. On sale for **$7.95**

Fine Voile Curtains, with real lace insertions and edgings. Reg. $9.75. On sale for **$5.95**

Voile Curtains, choice insertions and edgings, hemstitched borders. Values to $5.95 for, a pair, **$2.95**

—Draperies, 2nd Floor

Linoleum, 88c and 98c a Sq. Yd.

200 Yards of Printed Linoleum, block designs or a green and white tile. A square yard ..... **88¢**

Linoleum, four yards wide; the kind that covers your floor without a seam. On sale at, a square yard ..... **98¢**

—2nd Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

BEST QUALITIES — Store Hours—9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday to 1 p.m. — SUPERIOR VALUES

Our January Sale Commences Wednesday, Jan. 2

STORE OPEN ALL DAY

A Great Clearance of Women's and Misses'

Fur-Trimmed and Tailored COATS

Tailored Coats made of most excellent materials; smart styles with slash or patch pockets and strap sleeves. Each has a neat belt with buckle and is half lined. Sizes 14 to 44. Clearing at **$12.90**

Fur-Trimmed or Tailored Coats of Frieze or Cheviot Cloths, in stylish mixtures, made with raglan and set-in sleeves, inverted back and shoulder pleats, tailored collars and half lined. Some have leather buttons. Sizes 14 to 44. Clearing at **$15.90**

Superior Grade Tailored Coats, raglan and semi-tailored styles. They are finished with side tie, patch pockets and storm cuffs. Shown in plain or check effects and fully lined; sand, grey, brown, blue and fawn. Sizes 16 to 44. Clearing at **$24.90**

Coats of All-Wool Velour, fur-trimmed and plain collars, side tie and two-button effects; Russian back and straight styles; some fastened at side with neat buckle and fully lined. Shades brown, sand, navy and black. Sizes 16 to 50. Values to $49.50. Clearing for **$29.90**

Fur-Trimmed Coats of All-Wool Velours, Marvella and Bolivia Cloths; some beautifully embroidered. There are wrap-over styles with smart buckle; others with side tie. They have American opossum and French beaver collars, are fully lined with silk, and shown in shades of brown, navy, fawn and sepia. Values to $69.75. On sale for **$39.90**

High-Grade Coats, made in wrappy styles and trimmed with fitch, fur or French beaver collars and cuffs. They are fully lined and beautifully embroidered. The materials include Poiret twill, broadcloth, marvella and Bolivia cloths. Sizes range from 16 to 44. Values to $125.00. Clearing at **$49.90**

—Mantle Department, 1st Floor

Children's Coats

January Sale Bargains

Girls' Coats, plain or fur trimmed. They are of excellent materials and have belt and pockets. Shades fawn, brown, saxe and green. Sizes for 10 to 13 years. Values to $13.95. Clearing at **$9.75**

Children's Coats, plain or trimmed, in fawn, navy and brown. Sizes for the ages of 4 to 8 years; odd lines and sizes. Values to $9.75. Clearing at **$5.95**

Children's Coats, in white, pink, blue, fawn and grey; made with round collars. Sizes for the ages of 3, 4 and 5 years. Values to $4.75. Clearing at **$3.50**

Girls' Fur Trimmed Coats, in excellent cloths and in shades of fawn, brown and navy. Sizes for 11 and 12 years. Values to $24.00. Clearing at **$12.75**

Girls' Fur Trimmed Coats, trimmed with fancy stitching and having belts and pockets; fawn and brown, grey and blue. Sizes for the ages of 10 to 14 years. Values $16.75. Clearing at **$12.75**

—Children's, 1st Floor

Children's Sweaters

Greatly Reduced

Children's All-Wool Coat Style Sweaters, made with collar that fastens close to neck, with or without belt, pockets and smoked pearl buttons; rose, American Beauty, saxe, navy, red and green; for boys or girls. Values to $4.25. Clearing at **$2.75**

Children's Sweater Coats, with roll or turn-down collar, belt and pockets. The shades are emerald, saxe, fawn, navy, scarlet, brown, rose. For ages of 4 to 12 years. Values to $7.75 for **$3.75**

—Children's, 1st Floor

A Clearance Sale of Afternoon, Morning and Evening

DRESSES

In this Annual Sale we make a point of offering Dresses that are in every way up to the moment in style and fabric, but at prices that make every dress a bargain.

Dresses of Serge, Tricotine, Canton Crepe and Poiret Twill, navy or black, and fashioned in coat or wrap-around styles. They are trimmed with fancy or military braid, have long sleeves, roll collars and are neatly belted. Very desirable for Springtime wear. Sizes 16 to 48. Values to $25.00. Clearing for **$9.90**

Dresses of Canton, Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Wool Crepes, suitable for general or afternoon wear. They are offered in all desirable shades, have long or three-quarter length sleeves and trimmed with embroidery, braid and picot edge. A great variety of styles. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to $35.00. Clearing at **$15.90**

A number of models imported from Europe made of Georgette and Canton Crepe. Attractively designed and featuring the slender silhouette, aristically trimmed with braid and beads. There are also a number of Adair models with dainty touches of hand-work that is greatly appreciated by women of refined taste. These frocks are in shades of coral, tangerine, peacock blue, fawn, cocoa, brown, pearl, platinum grey, taupe, lemon, black and henna. Sizes 16 to 44. Values to $49.50. Clearing for **$24.90**

An offering of fascinating French models for afternoon or evening wear. These portray in a masterly style the creative individuality of the designs. The materials are plain brocade, Canton and georgette crepes in shades of jade and lemon greens, pink, rose, flame and American Beauty, sky and robin-egg blue and orange. All-over bead, sequin and metallic lace trimming in elaborate and tasteful designs. Sizes 16 to 44. Values to $85.00. Clearing at **$38.90**

—Mantle Department, 1st Floor

85 Women's Sweaters

Values to $7.95 Clearing at - - - $2.98

Heavy Weight Sweaters, rib weave and in pull-over style, with long sleeves, semi-tuxedo collar, two pockets and narrow belts. The shades are American Beauty, navy and white, turquoise and white, black and white. There are also Jersey Cloth Sweaters, made tuxedo style, with tucks in back and on pockets, or plain styles. The shades are green, American beauty, peacock, rose and purple. Values to $7.95 for, each **$2.98**

—Sweaters, 1st Floor

Women's Flannelette Wear

At Reduced Prices

Night Gowns of white flannelette, in slip-over styles, white and colors. Reg. $1.25 for ..... **89¢**

Gowns of white and striped flannelette, slip-over and button front styles. Value $1.50 for **$1.15**

Gowns of flannelette, in slip-over styles trimmed with heavy lace insertion; others in button front styles. Values $2.50 for **$1.45**

Gowns of extra good grade flannelette. Values $2.75 for **$1.90**

Women's Stripe Flannelette Petticoats. Reg. 75c for **59¢**

Petticoats of heavy, white flannelette, trimmed with lace. Reg. $1.25 for ..... **98¢**

Petticoats of heavy, grey flannelette. Reg. $1.25 for **98¢**

Chemises of good grade, white flannelette, trimmed with heavy lace. Value $1.25 for ..... **89¢**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor

Women's Gingham Dresses

Values to $3.50 for $1.79

A special purchase of Gingham Dresses, fancy checks and stripes, all colors. Some have pique and organdie collars and cuffs, others trimmed with self material. Sale Price **$1.79**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor

Linenette Underskirts

Regular $1.25 for 98c

Underskirts of good grade linenette, made with pleated flounces; rose, navy, green, purple and saxe. On Sale at ..... **98¢**

—Whitewear, 1st Floor

January Sale Values in the Women's Knit Underwear

Girls' Combinations, with high necks and button fronts, long sleeves, ankle length, wool mixture, Zenith brand. For the ages of 2 to 15 years. Reg. $3.75 a suit. On Sale for **$1.49**

Women's Zenith Combinations, high neck, long sleeves, button fronts, open crotch and ankle length, wool mixture. Sizes 36 to 40. Reg. $2.95 for **$2.25**

Women's Vests, Watson's brand, with "V" neck, elbow and long sleeves and bias finish, no sleeves, heavy weight and fleece lined. Sizes 36 to 46. On Sale at **$1.39**

—1st Floor

Our Entire Stock of Plain Tailored and Fur-Trimmed

SUITS Values to $85.00 to Go at, Each - - $25.00

Tweed Suits, smartly tailored, with narrow belts and slit or patch pockets. They are silk-lined and shown in mixtures of blue, green, grey, taupe. Tailored suits of velour, serge and tricotine, made in straight lines, with narrow belts, and finished with fancy stitching or self trimming. They are silk lined and in shades of black, navy or brown. Fur-Trimmed Suits of velour, satin cloth and duvetyn; novelty styles. Some have narrow belts, others are designed in long lines, with side effect fastening and have fur collars of beaverine, opossum and imitation kolinsky; shades are taupe, brown, saxe, navy and black. Sizes 16 to 46. Clearing at **$25.00**

—Mantle Department, 1st Floor

Our January Shoe Sale This Year Is Going to Be Bigger Than Ever Before

Lots of Shoes in the Wanted Styles—Plenty of Sizes, and Priced Lower Than Ever

Women's Pumps, Value to $6.00, for $3.90

Black Satin Strap Pumps, with low or French heels, and patent leather one-strap pumps with military heels. Clearing at **$3.90**

Women's Street Pumps, Value to $8.00, for $4.90

Here is a great variety of quality pumps in all leathers and black and brown. All are serviceable grades and bargains at the price. Sandals, strap pumps and colonials. Clearing at **$4.90**

Women's New Pumps at $6.90

New patterns in cut-out styles; wood brown suedes, black satin, with light, flexible soles and covered Spanish heels. A special purchase is responsible for this bargain.

Women's Brogue Oxfords at $5.90

Stout Sole Brogues in brown or black calf, fawn and brown buck, with low heels and double welted soles. These are bargains at, a pair **$5.90**

Women's Evening Slippers, Values to $14.00, for $7.95

In confirmity with our plan to dispose of all broken lines each season, we have grouped practically all our better evening slippers to go at one price.

These include the best makes in Canada in hand-turned pumps, representing almost all sizes. There are Gold and Silver Pumps, Black, Brown or White Satin Pumps, Patent Leather, Black and Brown Kid and Suede Pumps and some other clever combinations of leathers. Most remarkable values at **$7.95**

200 Pairs of Women's Boots, Values to $7.50 for $2.95

Black Kid High-Cut Lace Boots, with welted soles and military heels. All sizes from 2½ to 7 in this remarkable offering. Be on hand early.

—Women's Shoes, 1st Floor

January Sale Offerings in BABY WEAR

A Special Purchase of Infants' Shortening Dresses

Including dainty designs of lawn, nainsook, voile and all-over embroidery.

Reg. $1.25 for ..... **75¢**
Reg. $1.50 value for ..... **98¢**
Reg. $2.50 value for **$1.75**
Reg. $3.50 value for **$1.98**

Babies' Hats and Bonnets At Reduced Prices

Hats and Bonnets of silk, velvet and plush, trimmed with ribbons, rosettes, beaver, fur and ribbon flowers. Values to $5.75 for **$2.95**

Hats and Bonnets of bear cloth, velvet and silk. Values to $2.75 for ..... **98¢**

Bonnets of cloth and silk, light and dark shades. Values $1.50 for ..... **49¢**

Coats of best quality bear cloth, lined with heavy flannelette, trimmed with braid and pearl buttons. Reg. $8.75 for **$5.98**

Coats of heavy blanket cloth, trimmed with cord and pearl buttons. Reg. $6.75 value for **$4.90**

Coats of bear cloth, lined with flannelette and trimmed with pearl buttons. Reg. $5.75 for **$3.90**

Cashmere Coats, trimmed with silk braid, various styles. Value $5.75 for **$3.90**
Value $4.50 for **$2.90**

—Infants', 1st Floor

Curtain Scrims and Marquisettes

At Sale Prices

Curtain Scrim, 32 inches wide, in pretty drawn-thread border; ecru only. On Sale, a yard..... **14¢**

Curtain Scrim, 36 inches wide; white, ivory or ecru. On Sale at, a yard.. **19¢**

Marquisette, 36 inches wide, with plain edge, a fine even quality; white, ivory and ecru. On Sale at, a yard ..... **29¢**

—Drapery, 2nd Floor

Thousands of Pairs of Women's and Children's

HOSIERY

To Go at Special Clearance Prices

500 Pairs of Women's Pure Silk Hose, with elastic hem tops, double heels, soles and toes. Reg. values $1.50 to $2.00. Clearing at ..... **79¢**

Women's Heather Mixture Cashmere Hose, with contrasting color clox. Reg. $1.25. Clearing at ..... **59¢**

Women's Wide Rib Golf Hose, English make, all pure wool. Reg. $1.75. Clearing at **98¢**

Girls' fine 1 and 1 rib, three-quarter length Hose, all-wool with turn-down tops and reinforced heels and toes; seamless; green, lovat and camel heather mixtures. Reg. 98c for ..... **50¢**

Children's three-quarter Hose, with turn-over colored tops; all wool. Reg. 75c for ..... **50¢**

Boys' Heather Wool Hose, 4 and 1 rib. They have reinforced heels and toes. Reg. 98c for ..... **50¢**

Girls' Wide-Ribbed Heather Cashmere Hose, in brown, lovat and camel; sizes 8 to 10. Reg. $1.25 for ..... **50¢**

Boys' All-Wool Worsted Hose; brown and black. Sizes 6½ to 10½. Special Value, a pair ..... **60¢**

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, with extra long leg, double hemmed top and reinforced foot; fawn, black, blue, grey and green mixtures. Special Value, a pair **$1.50**

Out-Size Cashmere Hose, for women, seamless throughout, with extra large leg; black only. Sizes 9, 9½ and 10. Clearing at, a pair **$1.00**

Women's Fleece-Lined Hose, black only; heavy cotton for Winter wear. Sizes 8½ to 10. A pair ..... **50¢**

Women's Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem and reinforced foot. A pair ..... **75¢**

Women's Heather Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem, narrow ankles, reinforced heels and toes; brown, grey and green mixtures. A pair **$1.25**

Girls' Heather Hose, in fawn and dark brown; fine 1 and 1 rib. Sizes 6½ to 9½. A pair ..... **89¢**

A January Clearance of MILLINERY

In this Final Clearance of Millinery you are offered some Surprising Values. Don't let the opportunity pass. Shop Early Wednesday Morning and secure your needs.

Highest grade models, including some of the latest metal and velvet turbans. Value to $25.00 for **$8.95**

A table of special models, including some very classy shapes. Values to $20.00 for **$6.75**

A few Trimmed Hats and Toques. Values to $15.00 for **$3.50**

A few Metteaware Velours. To clear at, each **$5.00**

A special selection of Trimmed and Ready-to-Wear Hats. Values to $10.00 for **$2.19**

A selection of Hats, including a few beavers, in black, purple, and navy. Clearing at **$1.00**

Misses' and Children's Hats, in velvet and felt. Values to $6.95. Clearing at **$1.98**

A few Felt Hats and Tams. To Clear at, each **$1.25**

—Millinery, 1st Floor

Art Rag Bedroom Rugs

At Big Reductions

Art Rag Rugs, in rose, blue, green and taupe; 25 x 45 inches. Reg. $1.65 for ..... **89¢**

Decorative Art Rag Rugs, heavy grade and in popular colorings.

27 x 54 inches. Reg. $3.50 for **$2.75**
36 x 63 inches. Reg. $5.50 for **$3.75**

—Carpets, 2nd Floor

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